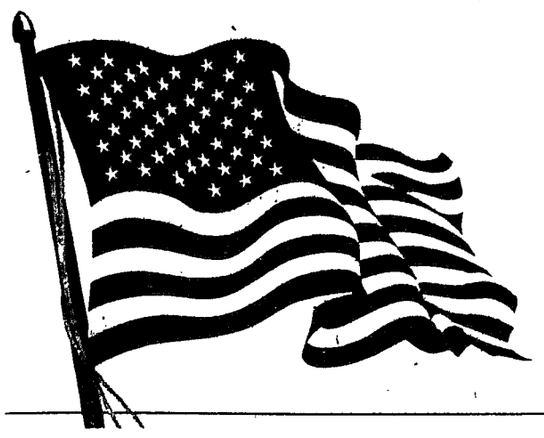


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The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws tear up the court with a 75-51 win.

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Ladner declares 'war on drugs'

Plans include student strip-searches

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The Taliban may be on the run in Afghanistan, but Hancock County Schools Superintendent for Education Mike Ladner is aiming to put drug traffickers on the run on the homefront – and he plans to strip-search students, if necessary, to aid in his efforts.

"I'm declaring an all-out war on drugs in the Hancock County school district," Ladner said Thursday evening just before the Hancock school board's regularly scheduled meeting.

Ladner said drug use has been plaguing Hancock's children for some time, but the situation came to a head last month just before the Christmas break when a male Hancock High School student "fell

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'This is middle school and high school. We've got children bringing drugs to school and they're hiding them where we can't find them.'
– Mike Ladner
Superintendent for Education, Hancock Co. Schools

SOC schedules January meeting

The Hancock County Task Force of Save Our Children will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 at the center, 405 Necaise Street, Bay St. Louis.

For details, call Geraldine Lang at 467-9586

Pass Christian Flag ceremony

The Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce Flag Dedication Ceremony in honor of the late James Winchester is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. outside the chamber office at the harbor.

H.C. Chamber banquet planned

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet is scheduled for this Friday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Entertainment Complex, with keynote address by Sen. Thad Cochran. General seating is $35 per person. To sponsor a table, call 467-9048.

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A construction crew demolishes the St. Augustine Seminary retreat center in Bay St. Louis Thursday. A new $2 million retreat facility is scheduled to be erected in its place. That facility was designed by the Baton Rouge firm of Grace and Hebert, and will be erected by GM&R of Waveland. Construction of the new facility is expected to begin within the next six months.

Panel okays trailer ban

Measure still needs supervisors' okay

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Although two members were absent, the Hancock County Planning Commission voted 3-0 Thursday to ban manufactured homes in some residential areas.

Willie Gavney, the county's chief building official and zoning enforcement officer, said commissioners instructed him to wait until the recessed meeting of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors (scheduled for Jan. 22) to send the board minutes from Thursday's meeting, along with the transcript from a December public hearing held on the text amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

About 60 people turned out for the December hearing. Of the 17 who spoke then, 11 were against, including representatives of the Mobile Home

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Now is the time for owners to file for homestead exemption

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

If you're a property owner in Hancock County, you have until April 1 to file for a homestead exemption.

Tax Assessor/Collector Jimmie Ladner took time out of his busy schedule this week to explain to the Echo the legal documents needed to file for a homestead exemption, along with outlining the tax savings individuals can gain by filing for the exemption.

Each year, the window of opportunity opens up Jan. 1 to April 1 to allow for the filing, Ladner said. He said the 90-day window is set by the state Tax Commission, and there are no exceptions made if you miss the deadline.

"I encourage everyone to file within this three-month period. If you miss it, we can't do anything about it," Ladner said.

"Filing is really pretty simple,"

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Hancock County Tourism Bureau Director Beth Carriere is interviewed at the old Bay St. Louis Depot Thursday. METV host Key Ivy asked Carriere questions about Mosely and the considerable impact she's had on tourism in the area.



An interview crew from Mississippi ETV was in town Thursday to interview Bay St. Louis folk artist Alice Mosely about her work and her love of the area. The program will air this fall.

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Baby New Year



Shamara Ann Peterson became Hancock County's first baby of 2002 when she arrived at Hancock Medical Center at 12:25 p.m., Jan. 1. She weighed five pounds, 13 ounces. She is the fourth child of Tonya and Jeffrey Peterson of Kiln. Proud grandparents are Sandra and Richard Welch of Bay St. Louis; Jimmy Ladner of Kiln; Maven Peterson of Dedeaux; and Willie Mae Peterson of Lizana. Great-grandmothers are Laura Ann Blackwell of Wiggins and Ethel Peterson of Dedeaux. The Peterson family received a car seat full of baby clothes, books and accessories from HMC.

Waveland resident fears 'Super Wal-Mart' may cause wetlands problems

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Kathlyn "Chickie" Knox is concerned about the "marginal benefits of cheaper underwear."

Knox owns wetlands property in Waveland adjacent to the site where the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter is supposed to be built.

On Wednesday, Knox shared her concerns with the Waveland Board of Aldermen and Mayor Tommy Longo.

"My concern has been going on since last March (when the project was announced)," Knox told aldermen at their regularly-scheduled meeting Wednesday. "I received a notice from the Corps of Engineers ... (that Wal-Mart had petitioned to) fill in approximately 20 acres of wetlands. The more I looked into it, the more I realized the graveness of it."

Knox said she had hired drainage experts to look at her property and advise her on how the Wal-Mart construction would affect it.

In a letter to the Echo, Knox said "The site is in the Edwards Bayou Watershed, which flows into the Bay of St. Louis. Destruction of these wetlands and from parking lot run-off will cause flooding in this already overloaded bayou. Edwards Bayou is on the List of Impaired Waterbodies. Storm water contamination from parking lot oils, traffic concentration and the proposed gas station leads to contamination.

"Wal-Mart has offered wetland mitigation, where a number of acres in a different location (in this case, the Buffer Zone of Devils Swamp) will be turned into a "wetland." There is no way on God's green Earth creating a wetland 20 miles away can replace the function that these wetlands serve and do naturally now."

"This land has been in my family since the 1800s," Knox told aldermen Wednesday, "and I'm here to protect it."

Longo told Knox he had already been in contact with state legislators about her concerns; and that in order to build the new facility, Wal-Mart must have a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-approved drainage system that is capable of servicing the entire area that would be affected. Longo said the corporation had already redesigned plans in order to relocate a building that would have been erected in the flood plain.

"The Corps of Engineers and everybody got together and did some relocating so (the project) will affect some 30 percent less of the area ...," Longo said. "We want you to be comfortable with your property there. Your property is being looked at. I don't want you to feel that nobody cares about your property. We do."

In other action Wednesday:

• City attorney Ronnie Artigues announced that, "regretfully," he would have to resign his position with the city in order to become the county attorney. Artigues has been appointed to that position by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors. He is replacing Gerald Gex, who announced his retirement last month.

• Aldermen approved up to $25,000 in additional contributions to the Waveland Civic Center renovation project. Artigues said the guarantee was necessary in order to qualify for the $200,000 grant that is to be used to help fund the project.

He said the actual costs would probably be less than the $25,000.

St. Clare students talk live to space station crew

On Thursday, Jan. 10, Saint Clare School students will participate in a live ham radio conversation with the astronaut crew aboard the International Space Station.

The Expedition Four crew includes Commander Yury Onufrienko and Flight Engineers Dan Bursch and Carl Walz.

Thirteen students, in grades three through six, will ask the astronauts questions while the entire school watches and listens to the transmission.

The ham radio link will take place at 12:14 p.m. for approximately 10 minutes in the Saint Clare School cafeteria, 234 South Beach Blvd. in Waveland.

The link is sponsored by an organization called ARISS. ARISS, (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) is a program that offers an opportunity for students to experience the excitement of amateur radio by talking directly with crewmembers, of the ISS (International Space Station).

The students have prepared questions for the space station crew and have been studying aspects of the International Space Station.

Saint Clare School is only the second school on the Coast that has been granted this opportunity by NASA.

Anyone wishing to view and cover the transmission is asked to arrive at Saint Clare School cafeteria no later than 11:55 as silence during the broadcast will be important to the quality of the experience for the students.

Relay for Life kickoff meet is on Tuesday

A planning and kickoff meeting for the Hancock County chapter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 8 at the Waveland Holiday Inn on Highway 90. Refreshments will be served and all interested persons are invited to attend.

The Relay for Life is an event where participants take turns walking around a track during an overnight team effort to raise money to help fund cancer research and other programs. This year's relay is scheduled for May 10 at the Hancock Medical Center's walking track.

For more information, contact Janie Pierson at 1-800-227-2345.

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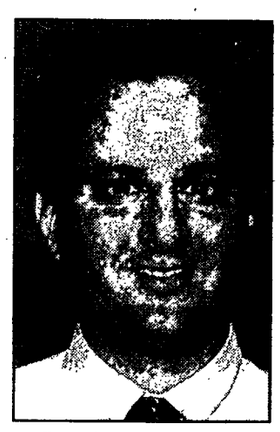
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Artigues takes over as county attorney

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Ronnie Artigues Jr., plans to hit the ground running Monday when the Hancock County Board of supervisors holds its first monthly meeting of the New Year.

The 35-year-old native of Bay St. Louis and practicing attorney in Waveland will officially take over as the county attorney, advising supervisors on a myriad of problems they confront at each session. Supervisors unanimously selected Artigues to replace longtime board attorney, Gerald Gex, who officially retired Dec. 28.


Ronnie Artigues Jr.

For Artigues, the transition to the inner, elite circles of county power seems like a natural progression.

The son and namesake of a prominent contractor was graduated from St. Stanislaus College, obtained his bachelor's degree from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1988 and his law degree from Tulane in 1991.

Before finishing law school, Artigues married high-school sweetheart Nancy Gex in 1990. She is the daughter of Lucien Gex, whose brother happens to be Gerald Gex.

The newlyweds went first to Jackson, where Artigues joined the law firm of Wise and Carter. He practiced law in the state capitol for about four years.

The couple then moved back to Bay St. Louis, and Artigues hung out his shingle, and began practicing law with his father-in-law in Waveland in 1995.

In June of 1995, Waveland Mayor John Mason gave Artigues his first taste of public service, appointing him attorney to the Board of Aldermen. It was an eye-opening experience. Artigues, who stands at five-foot-six, frequently found himself in the middle of aldermen sometimes feuding with Mason.

In 1996, when Tommy Longo took over as mayor of Waveland, he reappointed Artigues, and there was harmony for awhile between Longo and aldermen. In June, however, Artigues found himself in the midst of a squabble between aldermen Louis Smolenski and Milton Bernard.

For Longo, he has also served as mediator and peacemaker when the mayor ran into opposition on plans to build a marina fronting Beach Boulevard near the Garfield Ladner Pier, and when Longo was under scrutiny of the state auditor for some questionable expense claims.

One colleague who asked to remain anonymous said what Artigues lacks in stature, he makes up with legal knowledge and self assurance.

"He had a good mentor--one of the best, Lucien Gex. He's not a yes man, and he won't back down from a good fight," his friend said. "If he thinks he's right, you've got to convince him otherwise. At the same time, he is fair and he has the ability to look at both sides of an issue."

Artigues will find himself in a similar situation when he takes over Monday as the county's chief attorney. He is no stranger to the Board of Supervisors, which has frequently contracted with him over the last couple of years to represent the county over zoning issues pending in Circuit Court and on other matters. He has also sat in on board meetings, filling in for Gex when he was ill or had to deal with other matters.

Artigues said he looks forward to the challenges ahead.

"It will be very exciting to work for the board on a full-time basis. It will be a wonderful opportunity to work with them on all of the issues facing Hancock County," said Artigues.

Looking to the future, Artigues said he feels as the county continues to grow, zoning will continue to be the biggest issue before the Board and the issue most likely to end up in court litigation.

Although appeals to Circuit Court can take up to a year or more, Artigues said he hoped to speed up the process by filing extensive briefs, which might allow the presiding judge to reach a decision without the necessity for a court hearing.

Asked whether Gex gave him any advise, Artigues said, "He reminded me basically to try and focus on strictly the legal issues, and to advise supervisors on the legal way the state requires them to conduct their business."

Artigues has resigned his position with the city of Waveland, but plans to continue to serve as attorney to the Bay-Waveland School District.

He said he hopes to have some time to practice private law, but added, "The Board of Supervisors will be my priority and will take up most of my time."

In his leisure time, Artigues said he has long ago abandoned any hopes of developing a respectable golfing handicap. He opts, instead, to spend his spare time with his two children, Meg, who is 7, and Jonathan, who is 5, and with his wife and his family.

MHA Volunteer of the Year



Lt. Col. Randolph Bourgeois (ret.) of Bay St. Louis was recently surprised at an annual meeting of the Mississippi Hospital Association Society for Hospital Auxiliaries and Volunteer Services by being named a 2001 Volunteer of the Year. He is the husband of Hancock Medical Center Volunteer Theresa Bourgeois, and in 1996, was the first male volunteer to join the auxiliary. Since then, he has logged nearly 6,000 volunteer hours and paved the way for several other men to join. He is a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army, a veteran of World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and a member of VFW Post 3253. He has earned more than 40 military decorations, honors and awards, including the Legion of Merit for Project Management in Avionics Research and Development, the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in combat during the Vietnam War, two Bronze Stars, three Meritorious Service Medals, seven Air Medals, two Army Commendation Medals and three Republic of Vietnam Crosses of Gallantry. He and his wife of 55 years have three children and six grandchildren.

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This difficult, drastic decision was a result of the current crisis in medical liability insurance coverage in Mississippi. After having, been insured by the St. Paul since 1978, my coverage, along with all Emergency Physicians, General Surgeons and OB/GYN's, was not renewed for 2002. While I had received assurances of continued coverage with another company, I had not yet received written confirmation (a "binder") despite weeks of effort through a broker. Upon receipt of this binder, we are open again. In the current litigious atmosphere, I cannot practice medicine without confirmed liability coverage.

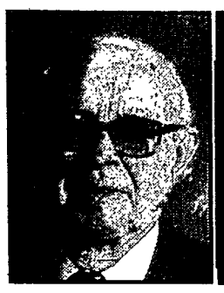
Though groups of plaintiff's attorneys claim there is no "malpractice crisis" in Mississippi, the effect of recent events not only impact Gulf South Urgent Care but also all physicians in the state. Many competent, qualified physicians have chosen early retirement. Many competent physicians have chosen to restrict their practices, such as OB/GYN's choosing to quit delivering babies. Some competent, qualified physicians have been unable to obtain any liability coverage of any form, resulting in a lack of patient access to some services such as surgery. Additionally, just as your health insurance premiums have been rising substantially, the cost of liability insurance is also escalating at an extraordinary rate. The 50-70% increases in cost will ultimately be borne by you, the patient even as access to some services may be limited.

I don't know the solution, but contrary to those groups that oppose tort reform in Mississippi, I do recognize that a problem exists. Please contact your State representatives and share your thoughts with them. Your cost and access to medical care are being negatively impacted by this "non-crisis".

Again, I apologize for not being able to provide you with care Jan 1 & Jan 2, 2002. Each of us, Dr. David C. Romine, myself and the staff at Gulf South Urgent Care feel a strong personal commitment to our mission of providing convenient, reasonable priced, quality healthcare to you every day of the year.

Sincerely,

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

It's cold, but it's still time for Mardi Gras

In cold weather it's not time to be thinking about parades, but Mardi Gras is just around the corner.

Hancock County's largest parade is scheduled for Sunday, February 3, 2002, and that is only four weeks away.

The Krewe of Nereids is now seeking parade entries for the big Mardi Gras parade which is one of the most popular along the Coast.

The krewe invites community groups to enter and join the fun. Entries may be floats, marching or walking groups, dancers, maskers or other family-type of entertainment.

Prizes will be awarded in four categories: walking groups, business-sponsored floats, neighborhood-sponsored floats, and floats sponsored by other krewes.

For more information and entry forms, call Mrs. Richmond at 467-9057, extension 227 (8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays) or 255-8271 (after 6 p.m.).

Nereids parades on U.S. Highway 90 from the Choctaw Plaza, (Big Kmart) parking lot on U.S. 90 East to Bouslog, (by post office), then west on 90 to Our Shopping Center, (Waveland Avenue) and disbands.

Between Nereids floats and other entries there are usually about 100 units in the parade which promptly rolls at 1 p.m.

It is great fun to ride on a float in a Mardi Gras parade. I have done so several times.

Even though it is below freezing as I write this column, I am looking forward to the Nereids parade and other parades coming up real soon.

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Folks at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce are busy making the final plans for the annual chamber banquet and installation of officers and directors.

The incoming president is Jody Compretta of Patients Choice; vice-president is Alicia Crawford, Mississippi Power Company; and treasurer is Bill Cotter.

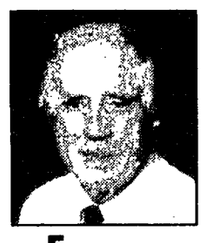
Banquet, membership meeting and installation will take place on Friday, January 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with dinner, and program at 7:30 p.m. at Casino Magic's Banquet Room.

The keynote speaker is Mississippi's U.S. Senator Thad Cochran.

As usual, there will be Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year awards and others.

Tickets are $35 each in advance, and time is important in making reservations. Call the chamber at 467-9048 for further information.

Chief Justice Pittman plowing new ground



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

Plowing new ground is nothing new for Edwin Lloyd Pittman, Chief Justice of state Supreme Court.

He's been doing that since I've known him in his 38-year career in state government, going back to his days in the Mississippi Senate during the 1960s.

He advocated public kindergartens long before Mississippians got them from the Legislature. He pushed an Open Records law when few other lawmakers gave the idea the time of day. Now it's a state law.

Now at age 66 and the state's Chief Justice, he's talking about such radical stuff as cameras in courtroom trials, televising arguments before courts and maybe even changing Mississippi's hallowed system of electing judges.

I say radical. To a longtime Mississippi journalist such as I, who years ago argued in vain for courtroom reforms in behalf of the peoples' right to know, it is certainly radical now to hear such ideas coming from the state's highest judicial officer.

Ed Pittman keeps a coffee mug on his desk that bears the motto "Carpe Millennium," roughly translated: "seize the millennium."

Not that he says everything done before he moved into the seat he now occupies was done wrong, but Pittman feels compelled to try and make things better while he is at the helm.

Call him a reformer, but the Supreme Court? My memory of Mississippi Supreme Court judges is mostly of nine stodgy old men (before any women finally appeared on the scene) who didn't have the slightest intention of changing the way the court does business as far as the public is concerned.

And certainly the "High Court," as we always used to call the Supreme, wasn't about to put heat on the lower courts to change their ways to let the public know more about what goes on in the trial courtroom.

Mississippi is one of only two states which have yet to allow cameras in the courtroom. Ed Pittman wants to change that, not only in the court he heads but in trial courts below.

Pittman launched his "right to know" offensive in April, by putting five television cameras in the Supreme Court chambers to provide live broadcasts of oral arguments before the courts that TV stations, or anyone else could tap into on the court's website.

On top of that, the Supreme Court docket and calendar of arguments were made website accessible.

Recently when a small city newspaper wanted to cover oral arguments in a high profile, local-interest murder case, it couldn't afford to send a reporter to Jackson. A Pittman staffer solved the paper's problem, telling them how to click on the court website from their computer and catch the arguments live.

Still cameras – the kind newspapers use – are barred in the Supreme Court under the court's old rule of judicial conduct. And that rule applies all down the line in the state's court system.

That can and will be changed, Pittman says confidently. "I believe the media will cooperate if you give them a fair chance," he adds.

The next step toward more public access to the courts will be in the hands of a study committee Pittman put into motion headed by Associate Justice James Graves and several chancery and circuit judges selected by their organizations.

Obviously, with Pittman as head cheerleader, the pressure is on the committee to bring back a recommendation to finally admit cameras to the trial courtroom.

Pittman is also bothered by the existing election system for Supreme and Appeals Court judges. "We need to have fewer election campaigns," he says. For starters, he wants the Legislature to abolish special elections for judges appointed to fill the remaining time of an unexpired term.

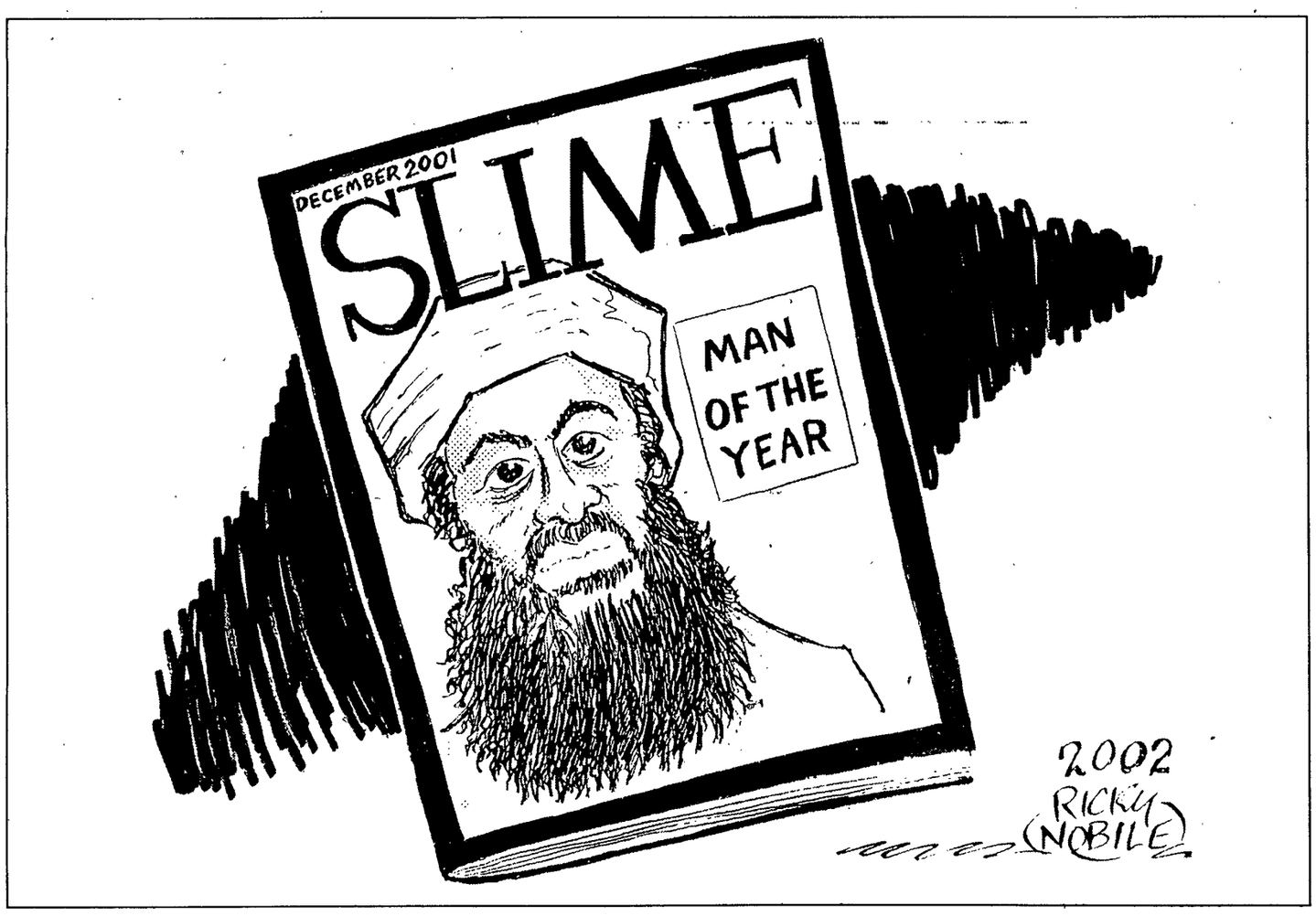
He's yet ambivalent over whether or not the election system for Supreme and Appeals Court judges should be abolished entirely, pointing out that on the present Supreme Court, five judges were first elected, and four first appointed. "That's a good mix," he adds.

He favors making terms of circuit and chancery judges eight years (now four), the same as the Supreme Court.

Having served as a state senator, state treasurer, secretary of state, attorney general and now on the Supreme Court, Ed Pittman is a rarity, having served in all three branches of state government.

Back in 1979 when this writer was the editor of a weekly newspaper, I had endorsed Pittman's candidacy for attor-

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Using military tribunals



FROM THE SENATE

By U.S. Senator Trent Lott

I fully support President Bush's decision to try suspected terrorists not in civilian courts, but before military tribunals, just like past wartime Presidents have done.

Civil libertarians and liberals are going a bit too far when they infer that it is okay for a member of our military service to be tried by tribunal, but it's not okay for a foreign terrorist who kills Americans to face this type of justice.

The American people overwhelmingly support the President's decision. They know providing military trials for terrorists is a more than generous way to deal with those responsible for waging war and/or suspected of killing innocent American citizens on our own soil.

Obviously, the terrorist attacks against our country were acts of war. The perpetrators should be treated not as violators of American law, but as war criminals.

This is why President Bush has opted to try those accused of war crimes before a military tribunal, just as Franklin Roosevelt did during World War II, and as had been authorized or performed previously during World War I, the War Between the States, the Mexican War and even the Revolutionary War.

These trials are a tested method for bringing individuals to justice during wartime, while also protecting sensitive information.

If revealed in a highly publicized public civil trial, much of this classified information could put the lives of American soldiers or civilians at risk.

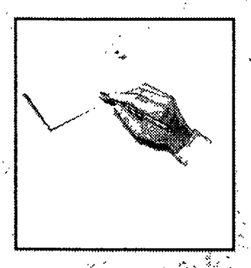
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Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Obituaries

BRANDON LADNER
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THOMAS SHAW
ELIZABETH TAYLOR
OTIS A. WOODS

BRANDON LADNER

Brandon Harleth Ladner, 21, of Lizana, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, in Lizana.

Mr. Ladner was born in Gulfport on Aug. 7, 1980 and was a lifelong resident of Liazna. He was a partner in Twin L. Construction Company. He was a member of Persimmon Hill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wilfred and Emma Westbrook of Picayune.

Survivors include his wife, Candice Ladner of Bay St. Louis; his parents, Richard and Kathy Ladner of Lizana; a brother, Rickey Ladner of Lizana; a sister, Sherelle Lee of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; grandparents Hillman and Deurisa Ladner of Lizana; five nieces and two nephews.

Visitation was Thursday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Friday at the funeral home followed by burial in Brandon Ladner Memorial Cemetery in Lizana.

C. PARTRIDGE SR.

Chester Bruce Partridge Sr., 75, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, in New Orleans.

Mr. Partridge was born Nov. 24, 1926 in Orange, Mass., but resided in Pass Christian for the past 55 years. He was retired from the Navy Base after 38 years of federal civil service and also retired from the Air National Guard after 33 years active and reserve military service.

Mr. Partridge was a charter member and deacon of Diamondhead Baptist Church. He was recently recognized for 10 years Christian volunteer service to the Seaman & Trucker's Center in Gulfport.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Amy and Faye Partridge; and a daughter, Ileen Partridge Bruneaux.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Charlotte; a son, Bruce Partridge; daughters Carol Partridgte Moran and Mrs. Terry (Kay) Kostellic; brothers Paul and Herbert Partridge; sisters Virgina Collins and Barbara Belletete; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Friday at Riemann Funeral Home, US-49 North in Gulfport. Funeral services were conducted Saturday in the funeral home chapel followed by burial in Old DeLisle Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to the Building Fund of Diamondhead Baptist Church, Diamondhead Drive North, Diamondhead, MS 239525.

THOMAS SHAW

Thomas Carroll Shaw, 81, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Shaw was a native of Goldsboro, N.C. and a resident of Bay St. Louis since 1979. He was of the Methodist faith and was a member of American Legion Post 139, Bay St. Louis, Chateau Golf and Country Club of Kenner, and Crescent City Telephone Pioneers of New Orleans. He was a World War II veteran serving in the Army Air Corps and was safety director responsible for the safety operations in Louisiana for Bell South.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Martha Saunders Shaw; and a brother, Bynum Shaw.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Swanner Shaw of Bay St. Louis; daughters Cheryl Shaw Lewicki of Doylestown, Pa. and Janet Shaw Careatti of Pleasant Garden, N.C.; a brother, the Rev. Settle M. Shaw of Rockford, Tenn.; sisters Hazel Dowdy of Colfax, N.C. and Roseanne Hurtado of Orange, Calif; and two granddaughters, Michelle Lewicki of Doylestown and Carmen Careatti of Pleasant Garden, N.C.

Funeral services were private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was charge of arrangements.



ELIZABETH TAYLOR

Elizabeth Jean (Penny) Taylor, beloved wife of Garland E. (Gary) Taylor and mother of Dean E. Taylor and Congressman Gene Taylor, both of Bay St. Louis; and Dianne Lindsay of Atlanta, Sue Hampton of Denton, Tx. and Carol Lander of Dallas, passed away in the loving arms of her family at her home in Bay St. Louis on Friday, Jan. 4, 2002.

She was born in Kansas City, Mo., and grew up the only child of Harry and Marie Pennington in Minneapolis, Mn. In 1943, she talked her way into a job in Panama, the first sign of the energy and spirit of adventure that would characterize her entire life. She met and married Gary Taylor there, and after World War II, they moved to New Orleans, then Bay St. Louis and raised their five children. Though she devoted her life to her family, she was true citizen of the world, having visite dsix continents and always sharing her love of learning and discovery. She also, with her husband, started a new business, Southern Graphics, after his retirement.

She leaves the legacy of a storybook marriage, a home that sheltered and nourished both body and soul, and the example of strength and resourcefulness in bad times and generosity, gratitude and exuberance in good ones. She is also survived by 20 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Derr, Wade Hampton, Robert Lander and Marilene and Margaret Taylor.

Mass of the Christian Burial will celebrate her life on Monday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. at the St. Augustine Seminary Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Visitation at the chapel will begin at noon.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

OTIS A. WOODS

Otis A. Woods, 16, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Woods was born May 17, 1985, and was a lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast. He was a member of Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church in Pass Christian.

He was prececed in death by a brother, Ardrian K. Nash.

Survivors include his parents, Jacqueline N. Woods of Pass Christian and Otis H. Woods of Gulfport; and a brother, Marvin A. Woods of Pass Christian.

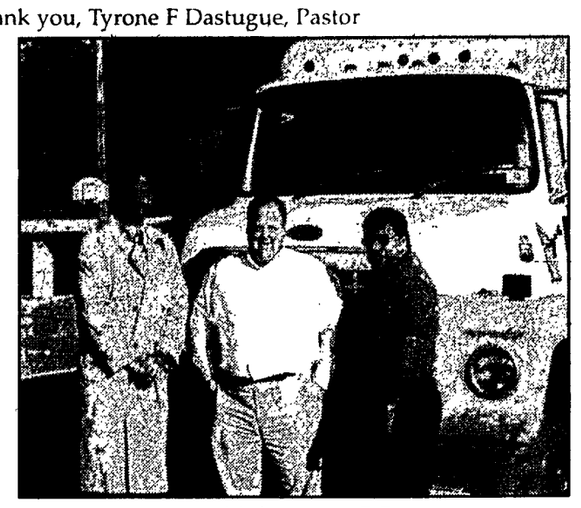
Visitation was Friday evening at George and Lillian Lockett Memorial Chapel. Services were conducted Saturday at Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church in Pass Christian followed by burial in Baptist Cemetery directed by Lockett-Williams' Mortuary.

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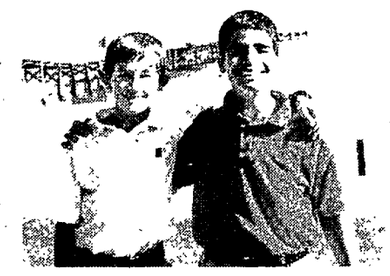
The Congregation of the Word of Faith Christian Fellowship, 103 Old Spanish Trail, Bay-Waveland, would like to thank the Diamondhead Political and Social Organization for the donation of the Ford F700 series truck. Your consideration and generosity is greatly appreciated. We plan to make good use of this vehicle.

Thank you, Tyrone F Dastugue, Pastor



Harry Ward left, Tyrone F Dastugue,
Pastor of Word Of Faith, Frank Rodriguez, Political Adviser

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PLACEMENT TEST

A placement test will be administered on Saturday, January 26, 2002, at 10:00 AM for boys seeking enrollment in the seventh or eighth grade classes at Saint Stanislaus for the 2002-2003 academic year. The cost of the test is $8.

For additional information about Saint Stanislaus College, or to register for the day student placement test, please contact Mrs. Dolores Richmond at 467-9057 ext 227.

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Lott -- tribunals

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libertarians and their occasional liberal allies have with our court system is not healthy. America's courts are for America's citizens.

The guarantees in America's Bill of Rights are for America's citizens.

In most cases, terrorists living in the U.S. are foreigners who are here for destructive purposes.

Their visas are fraudulent, or expired, yet there are those who still say these individuals should have every protection afforded to American citizens.

However, I believe the Constitutional rights of American citizens to safety and protection should far outweigh concerns about the civil liberties of foreign terrorists.

I might add, the Justice Department's actions of arresting people and detaining them – also condemned by civil libertarians and the left – probably has disrupted much more terrorist activities than we will ever know.

This is part of a realization that we are now at war, and we must use different techniques to get proper punishment for those who have struck at America and against targets all over the world.

Trying terrorists in civil courts would place judges, juries, prosecutors and the press at risk from threats of terrorist reprisal. The security of the courtroom and courthouse would itself be a concern, as terrorists have demonstrated that they relish any opportunity to kill Americans gathered in public places. Tribunals, though separate from our civilian court system, do provide protections that are consistent with American values. The accused has a right to a lawyer, and will undergo a full and fair trial.

They will not be discriminated against because of their race, gender or status.

They may fully exercise their religion, and they will receive food, shelter and medical treatment.

These tribunals will give President Bush an additional tool needed in the fight against terrorism, but this tool will only be implemented in extreme cases.

Americans highly regard the right to a fair trial, but allowing foreign terrorists who are at war with America to be tried in our civilian courts would clearly be the wrong choice.

President Bush has made a wise decision to try terrorists before military tribunals, which has been proven time and time again throughout more than 200 years of American history.

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ney general, describing him as someone who has "a broad knowledge of government and exhibited courage in taking stands that were not always popular, but eventually proved right."

The same could be said of Ed Pittman more than two decades later.

Cold weather and royalty to highlight library story hours

"Cold Weather, Snowy Days" will be the theme for the story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 10:30 a.m.

"Princes and Princesses" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 10:30 a.m.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

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You must be living in your home as of January 1, 2002 to qualify for homestead exemption for the current year.

The following information is needed to file your application.
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SPORTS

Rocks take bite out of Bulldogs 75-51

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (14-4, 3-1) started off slow but built up momentum from different players at different points in their game with the Vancleave Bulldogs on Friday, January 4, at the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium. The Rocks received balanced double-digit scoring from four players en route to the 75-51 win.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "We had different guys step up at different times of the game for us. I was very proud of the way different people took charge during the game. In the second period, Darius Acker got hot from outside followed by Gabe Willis in the third period. Ben Benvenutti lit it up for us in the fourth period while Cheick Sanankoua played a solid game the whole way through. We had four players scoring in the mid to high double digits; however, our defensive pressure and intensity wore them down in the second half. We made some good adjustments that allowed us to dribble-penetrate which created some easy baskets and three-pointers. Give credit to Vancleave, though. They ran a good matchup zone and took us out of what we wanted to do early. But our players stepped it up on defense and took the fight back to Vancleave."

The Rocks and Vancleave sputtered to a 10-9 first period score with SSC in the lead. Both teams had trouble finding the basket early.

In the second period, Gabe Willis opened the scoring with a three-point bomb before Darius Acker struck for 15 points, all on three-pointers. The Rocks opened up their lead to 37-25 by halftime. In the third period, Willis took control of the offense with dazzling moves to the basket and acrobatic shots. The 5-foot 8-inch Willis led the Rocks in the third period scoring with eight points.

In the fourth period, Ben Benvenutti found a groove and followed it to the final buzzer. With tenacious defense and hard play, Benvenutti scored 10 of his 15 points in the final period. SSC coach Jay Ladner commented on Benvenutti's spark, "Ben probably played his best game of the year tonight. He started out a little slow but he made some good adjustments and kept plugging away. That is the way he plays. He just doesn't quit and it showed tonight."

In the game Benvenutti scored 15 points, pulled down five rebounds and had three steals. Gabe Willis scored 17 points, tallied six steals and six assists. Cheick Sanankoua played a steady game under the basket pouring in 18 points. Darius Acker led the Rocks in scoring with 19 points on five three-pointers.

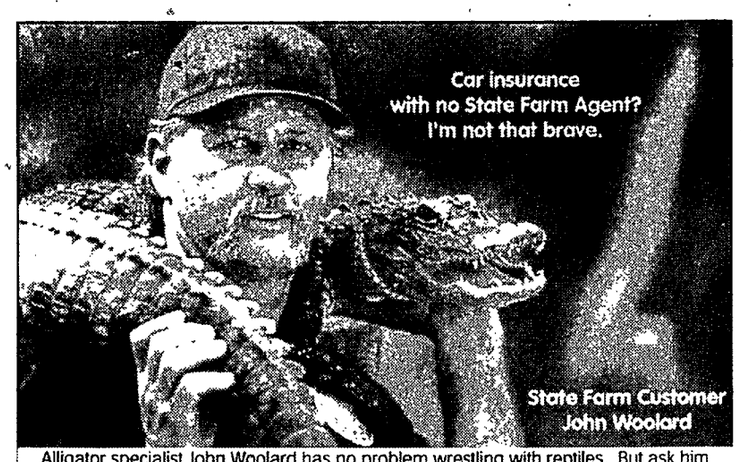
The junior varsity Rocks rolled to a 77-11 victory over the Vancleave Bulldogs in the early game. Mario Faranda led the jv squad with 25 points followed by Sam Tart and Jay Spell with 18 and 10 points, respectively.

SSC junior varsity head coach Kelton Thompson stated, "The team showed that they can bounce back after a defeat. Mario Faranda and Sam Tart played well under the basket. The guards moved the ball for us and limited the turnovers. Everyone scored for us tonight. I was proud of the way they played and did not have a let-down from the previous loss. They played at the level they should be playing at."

The junior varsity Rocks have a record of 12-2 overall with the two losses coming to Bay High and Moss Point.

On Tuesday, January 8, the Rocks will travel to Gautier to take on the Gators in a Division 8 Class 4A clash. Then, on Friday, January 11, the Rocks will host cross-town rival Bay High in a Divsion 8 matchup and play for the Mayor's Cup.

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"This is an opportunity for high school students to see what college life is all about," said Brian Boyle, director of admissions.

"We are inviting high school juniors and seniors to live in the dorms, hang out with current UM students, see a Rams sporting event, and learn about the University of Mobile."

Reservations are required for the free event. Call the Office of Admissions at 442-2273 or (800) 946-7267 for reservations.

Approximately 2,000 students are enrolled at the University of Mobile in the College of Arts and Sciences and schools of business, education, nursing, leadership development and religion.

For more information about UM visit the website at

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UM invites alumni, friends to Homecoming 2002

University of Mobile alumni and friends are invited to participate in a weekend of activities planned for "Homecoming 2002," Feb. 8-10, on the UM campus.

The event will honor the charter class of 1967, as well as the classes of 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 1997.

Activities include Rams athletic, events, annual alumni meeting, children's games, barbecue dinner, and a chapel service led by founding president and current Chancellor Dr. William K. Weaver Jr.

Past members of the alumni choir are invited to perform during the chapel service on Sunday, Feb. 10, under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Bergdolt.

For reservations and information, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 442-2226 or (800) 946-7267, or e-mail joannm@mail.umobile.edu.

The Big Kill

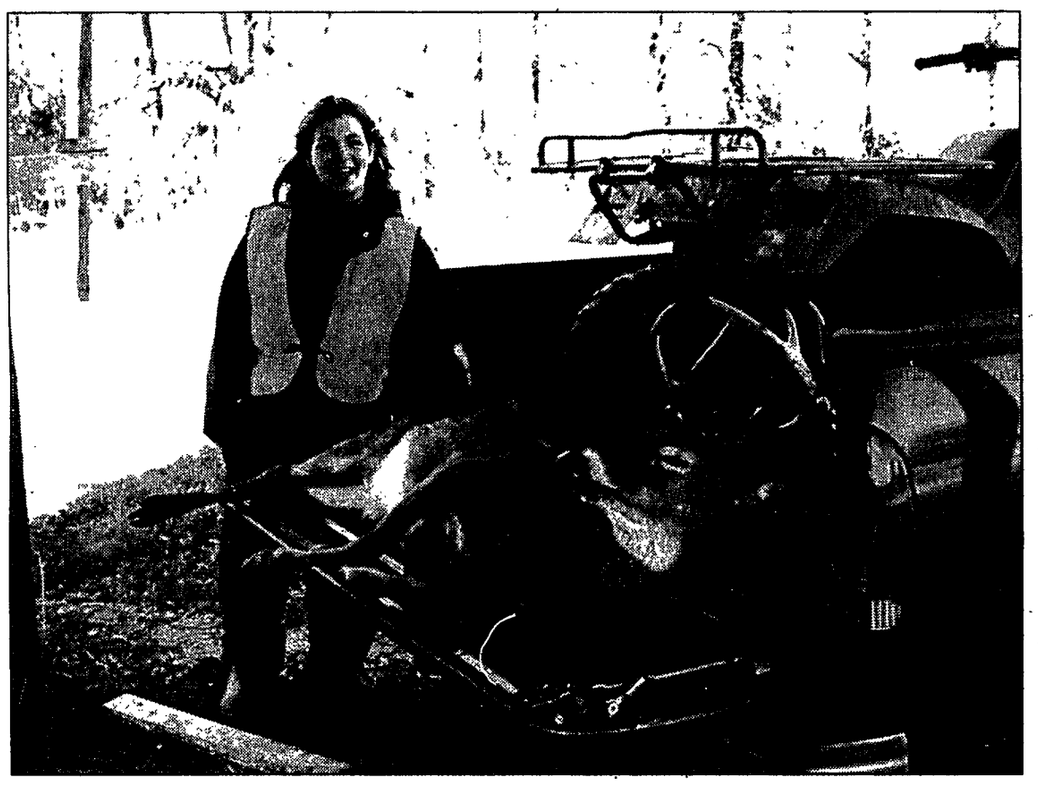


Photo submitted by Daniel Brogle

Alyece Brogle of Bay St. Louis recently killed her first buck, an eight-pointer, while hunting in Onward, Ms. on New Year's Eve.

Cadrin named Mississippi Sea Wolves new director of hockey

ECHO STAFF REPORT

The Mississippi Sea Wolves announced today Michel Cadrin has been named the Director of Hockey for the affiliates of the Sea Wolves. Michel will be representing Mississippi for its' National Hockey League affiliate in Montreal and the American Hockey League affiliate in Quebec.

"I'm looking forward to becoming more involved with the Sea Wolves", said Cadrin. "My role is more defined now and I will continue to help find players for Mississippi."

"Michel was instrumental for the Montreal Canadiens and Quebec Citadelles becoming Sea Wolves affiliates", said Mississippi Sea Wolves General Manager Jean Gagnon. "Michel is very important now and in the future as the link between Mississippi, Montreal and Quebec. He has enormous contacts and when we need recruiting or evaluation of players, Michel has the expertise to do that."

Mississippi's next home game at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum is Wednesday, January 9 against the Peoria Rivermen. The game starts at 7:05 PM. The game can be heard on flagship radio station News Talk 57 WVMI and through the internet at MsSeaWolves.com.

PCA Rodeo finals at Coliseum

The top cowboys in all of the Southeast will meet today at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum to determine the best of the best. Cowboys will participate in barrel racing, steer wresting, calf roping and bull riding during the four-day competition.

VIP seats, the best in the house, are available for $15 plus Ticketmaster fee.

General admission for adults is $12, and children are $5 plus Ticketmaster fee. General admission for military and seniors is $6.

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BUSINESS NEWS

New law changes jackpot tax rules

BY EMILY WAGSTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) _ The tax man is changing his demands on jackpot winners in Mississippi casinos.

A new law, which took effect New Year's Day, requires that 3 percent be withheld for state taxes anytime someone wins $1,200 or more at one of the state-regulated gambling halls.

That's a smaller bite than the 5 percent the government had been taking from slot machine winnings, but there's a catch. Until now, folks had been able to apply for refunds when they pay their state income taxes.

The new law eliminates the possibility of refunds.

State Tax Commission chairman Ed Buelow said about 100,000 people from out of state had been filing taxes on casino winnings, and most were seeking refunds by claiming 100 percent gambling losses.

Buelow said Mississippi should neither gain nor lose money in the deal.

"We are assuming what the state got out of those withholdings was 3 percent," he said.

The state is losing the headache of trying to audit out-of-state gamblers at a time the Tax Commission is short-staffed because of a tight state budget.

Rep. Jim Simpson, R-Gulfport, said the old law was tough to enforce.

"It was difficult to make sure that the refunds were truly warranted," Simpson said. "The idea was that you lost more than you won and so you were entitled to a refund. It was very difficult to make sure that was true unless you audit people."

The Tax Commission pushed for the change. It's one of the few new Mississippi laws taking effect Jan. 1. Most bills passed during the 2001 legislative session became law July 1.

Among the other laws coming in with the new year are additional regulations for people who sell insurance and new rules governing the sale of prepaid burial plans.

The Mississippi Gaming Association, a lobbying group for casinos, didn't oppose the change in the jackpot tax law when lawmakers were considering it last spring. Executive director Andy Bourland said the group is now concerned the new law will drive away high-stakes customers who could gamble anywhere they want.

"For example, they can go to Las Vegas where they don't have to pay any state tax," Bourland said.

He said Mississippi may lose more than it gains.

"In the long run, that may reduce the gross gaming revenues that we have come to expect," Bourland said.

Buelow said he expects some gamblers to be angry with the change, but they were never happy about being taxed on their jackpots.

"They don't like the state to take any of it," he said.

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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

State spends $45.91 a day on inmates

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) _ Mississippi spends $45.91 to house inmates in state prisons, according to a new report from the state's legislative watchdog committee.

The Joint Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER), in a report released Thursday, said the operational cost to house inmates in minimum, medium and maximum security prisons was $38.34 a day.

The $45.91 includes basic housing, salaries, education, medical costs, administrative costs and $7.57 of annual debt service.

The annual study by PEER helps the state determine if private facilities that house inmates operate at a cost at least 10 percent below the state's costs, as required by law.

"The number we produce is really the starting point to negotiate those contracts," said James Barber, PEER's deputy director.

PEER does not compare prisoner cost numbers to other years because variables, such as prisoner numbers, change too much, Barber said.

Rick McCarty, deputy commissioner of administration and finance for the Mississippi Department of Corrections, said the daily average was slightly lower than last year because the state housed more inmates while costs rose only nominally.

"It confirms what we've been saying," he said. "If we keep more inmates in our state run beds, it's more cost effective than keeping them in per diem beds."

The cost to the Mississippi Department of Corrections in fiscal year 2001 per inmate per day for a 1,000-bed facility was $38.71 for minimum security, $42.93 for medium security, and $66.62 for maximum security.

The cost to MDOC for a 500-bed psychiatric correctional facility was $55.00 for medium security and $70.10 for maximum security.

Smith, Turner, and Reeves, P.A., provided the cost estimates to PEER.

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Tax collections subdued in first half of budget year

BY EMILY WAGSTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) _ Mississippi tax collections lagged $113.4 million behind expectations from July 1 to Dec. 31, the first half of fiscal 2002.

That's nearly 6.5 percent below an estimate set last spring.

Numbers for the first six months of the budget year were released by the state Tax Commission on Wednesday, less than a week before lawmakers convene a three-month legislative session that's expected to be dominated by setting a tight budget for next fiscal year.

House Appropriations Chairman Charlie Capps, D-Cleveland, said despite the shortfall in collections, he sees reason for optimism.

He pointed to sales tax collections, which were $30.8 million, or 4.23 percent, behind expectations for the first half of the year. In December, sales tax collections were $685,724, or less than 1 percent, behind expectations.

December numbers represent sales made in November, before the heart of the Christmas shopping season.

"I'm certainly encouraged by that," Capps said. "That's the first time we've met our sales tax (projection) in a while."

Corporate tax collections had the poorest performance in the first half of fiscal 2002, falling $35.1 million, or 30.25 percent, below expectations.

Gaming fees and taxes lagged $10.3 million, or 11.38 percent, behind where experts thought they'd be.

Rep. Percy Watson, D-Hattiesburg, serves with Capps and 12 other lawmakers on the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, the elite group that makes spending recommendations for the entire House and Senate.

Watson said Wednesday that he hopes Mississippi's economy will emerge from a slump. The Budget Committee is recommending a 4.3 percent rate of growth as a basis for writing the fiscal 2003 budget.

"We need to see some positive months and we need to see some positives very quickly," Watson said.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove warned lawmakers last spring that they were planning to spend too much in fiscal 2002. Slow tax collections forced him in mid-November to trim $55 million from the $3.58 billion general fund.

Musgrove has said lawmakers are on track again to overspend, but he has not submitted his spending ideas for fiscal 2003.

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The Boeing Company awarded follow-on contract for testing services at space center

NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center has awarded The Boeing Company, Rocketdyne Propulsion and Power Division, Canoga Park, Calif., a follow-on five-year contract for Hardware Assurance Testing services.

The contract is to provide hardware assurance, propulsion testing and test support services at Stennis. The original contract was awarded April 30, 1994.

The total estimated contract value of the cost-plus-incentive-fee contract is $81,506,570.

The contract provides for a two-year base period and three one-year option periods. The period of performance is from Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2006.

The Boeing Company's Rocketdyne Propulsion and Power Division will provide the management and labor required to conduct development and certification tests; flight support acceptance tests of hardware and components, refurbished and rebuilt engines; anomaly resolution tests and other related activities.

Test articles include Space Shuttle Main Engines, other engines and components currently under development by NASA and future engines or components for which Stennis requires similar testing.

WorldCom sells IBI assests

CLINTON, Miss. (AP) _ Telecommunications giant WorldCom, Inc. has sold the assets acquired from its merger with Intermedia Business Internet to Allegiance Telecom, Inc., the companies said Thursday.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but Allegiance and WorldCom confirmed that the transaction is not financially material for either company.

WorldCom was obligated to sell the IBI assets pursuant to a consent decree it entered into with Intermedia last year.

Clinton, Miss.-based WorldCom, a leading communications company with a worldwide sales force, merged with Tampa, Fla.-based IBI last year to gain controlling interest in Digex, a coveted Web hosting company.

The deal was worth an estimated $4 billion.

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War -- drugs in school

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out of his chair in the hallway."

That student was rushed to Hancock Medical Center, Ladner said, where he and HHS Principal Donnie Ghoulston waited with the child until the parents could be located.

Ladner said all available information indicates the student overdosed on three pills obtained from another teen at the school.

"We've got children bringing drugs to school and they're hiding them where we can't find them," he said.

Currently, the superintendent said, both the high school and middle school have a sheriff's deputy on campus at all times, and staff members at both schools are trained and authorized to "pat down" students who are suspected to have illicit substances in their possession.

However, he said Friday, "In all probability, we're going to be doing a more invasive search. That means in some instances, strip-searching (the students), having them remove their shirts and trousers, etc.

"Obviously, we are covered by the law so that we are able to do this, and all we have to have is 'reasonable suspicion.'"

Ladner said some other school districts in the state have enacted even more stringent methods, such as installing metal detectors in the schools and performing routine searches with drug-sniffing police dogs.

Hancock school district personnel will also "follow up on leads we have that were provided to us by other children," Ladner said. "I want to send the drug dealers a message: Drugs are not welcome here ... and if they have them, we will find them."

Ladner said the new strip-search protocol may go into effect as early as next week, after he has an opportunity to meet with principals and faculty at the high and middle schools.

Hancock County School Board member Peggy Ladner said yesterday that the superintendent had not discussed with the board specifics about his "war on drugs" such as strip-searching students, but had asked board members to support him in "cracking down hard" on the problem.

She said Friday that she agrees with the superintendent that drugs are a scourge nationwide, and drastic measures need to be taken to ensure the safety of Hancock's children. She stressed that she feels students who bring illegal prescription medication into the schools should be dealt with just as harshly as those who are caught with marijuana.

Parents who wish to voice their opinions or concerns are welcome to call Ladner, he said, or Asst. Superintendent Eddie Danzey or Personnel Director David Kopf at the district's central office, (228) 255-0376. School-specific questions should be directed to the school principals, Ladner said.

In other action Thursday:

• Board members once again debated the district's controversial new ".6 of a mile" transportation policy, which was enacted at the beginning of the 2001/2002 school year and then quickly put on hold after an onslaught of parental complaints. The board set a public hearing on the matter for Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hancock High School cafeteria. Those who are concerned will be allowed to speak to board members at that meeting and express their concerns. Barring further board action, the policy is due to go back into effect on Feb. 1.

• The board approved the superintendent's recommendation to appoint Hancock North Central Principal Deborah Moran as the district's K-12 language-fine arts curriculum/professional development director; and to appoint Margie Woods as interim principal at Hancock North Central. Board member Julie Easter lauded Moran's selection for the director's position, but questioned the notion of changing principals at HNC in mid-year.

• Board members voted unanimously to shoot down authorization of basketball department expenditures to a sporting goods supplier in excess of $6,000 because no purchase order had been issued for the expense. It would have been illegal for the board to approve the expenditure without the proper purchase order. Superintendent Ladner assured the board the situation had been dealt with and was "the last time" it would happen.

• The board approved – with discussion – a request from Ghoulston to accept and award the low quote from Security Imaging for $6,361 for the purchase of a student identification system for Hancock High School. The system will be paid through the school's General Activity Funds.

• After Thursday's meeting, Easter told fellow board members she will soon be stepping down because she and her family will be moving out-of-state because her husband's employer is transferring him. Once Easter's resignation becomes effective, the board will have 60 days to appoint an interim replacement.

Homestead -- file now

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added Ladner. "And, my staff is trained to assist each applicant."

Ladner explained the two types of homestead exemption available to property owners in Hancock County: The regular exemption and the special exemption.

"The regular homestead exemption is available to those houses that are owner occupied, residents are under 65 and not disabled," said Ladner.

"By filing, the biggest advantage is your property is taxed at 10 percent of its appraised value rather than 15 percent. That can save you as much as one-third off your tax bill right off the bat. And, you'll be eligible for a state credit of up to $300 on the first $7,500 of the assessed value," Ladner explained.

Ladner gave this example of taxes on a home appraised at $75,000: "Without the homestead exemption, if you lived in Bay St. Louis your total yearly taxes would be $1,240," he said.

He explained the city, county and school district assess different millage rates, and the revenue is divided to the three entities according to millage assessed by each.

"Of the $1,240, $56.25 would go to Bay St. Louis, $542.81 to the county and $641.25 to the school district," said Ladner.

The following information is needed in order to file your application at the tax office: The recorded warranty deed; the cost of the property; the down-payment amount; your social security number; and your vehicle's license number.

"And, you must have your vehicle registered in Hancock County," Ladner emphasized.

He noted District Attorney Cono Caranna has recently instructed the Hancock County Sheriff's Office to check on those residents who are driving around with out-of-county or out-of-state license tags.

"It is a violation of state law if you apply for a homestead exemption in Hancock County and do not have your vehicle registered in Hancock County," Ladner emphasized.

The penalty for violators can be as much as two years in prison and/or a fine of up to $5,000.

Of course, there are exemptions, he explained.

"A person may work out of the county or out of the state and commute and the vehicle might be furnished by his employer. In this case, it does not have to be registered in Hancock County, but if you have another vehicle and are claiming homestead exemption in Hancock County, it must be registered here.," Ladner said.

The special homestead exemption is available to homeowners who have become 65 prior to January 1 of the present year or who have become 100 percent disabled prior to Jan. 1.

In order to claim this exemption, the person must provide proof of age and proof of his or her disability. Any vehicles you own must also be registered in Hancock County.

Ladner said only one person in the household needs to be 65 or older or 100 percent disabled to claim the exemption, but his or her name has to appear on the deed to the property.

"Under this special exemption, your would pay no yearly taxes if your house was appraised at $75,000 or less, " Ladner said.

In order to claim either exemption, Ladner said, no part of your property can be rented or used for a business.

Another question often asked is whether a person can claim a homestead exemption on property he owns in Louisiana and another on property he owns in Mississippi.

"The answer is no," said Ladner. "You can claim a homestead exemption on only what you consider is your primary residence."

Ladner said Hancock County requires a one-time filing to continue the homestead exemption from year-to-year, but if you sell your present home or if your status changes (you become 65, divorced, widowed or separated or you become 100 percent disabled), you must come into the office and file again for the new homestead exemption.

"Or if you acquire additional property adjoining your homestead, you also need to reapply for the homestead exemption," he said.

There is also a form available if your mortgage company pays your yearly taxes out of an escrow fund built up with your monthly house payment.

In some cases, your total monthly payment might be reduced because the amount required to be escrowed is reduced," Ladner said.

He also cautions those who have bought property after January 1, 2001 that they still owe taxes on the residence.

"The tax bill is going to the original owner on record as of Jan. 1. If you bought after Jan 1, and have not received a tax bill, please contact us or the original property owner," Ladner said. Ladner estimates about 10,000 homestead exemptions are currently on file out of 49,000 parcels taxed in Hancock County. "That's about average for a county our size," he said.

If you have any more questions about claiming either homestead exemption, the tax assessor's telephone number is 467-4425 or call the state Tax Commission at 1/888-409-6239.

Ban -- mobile homes

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Manufacturers Association.

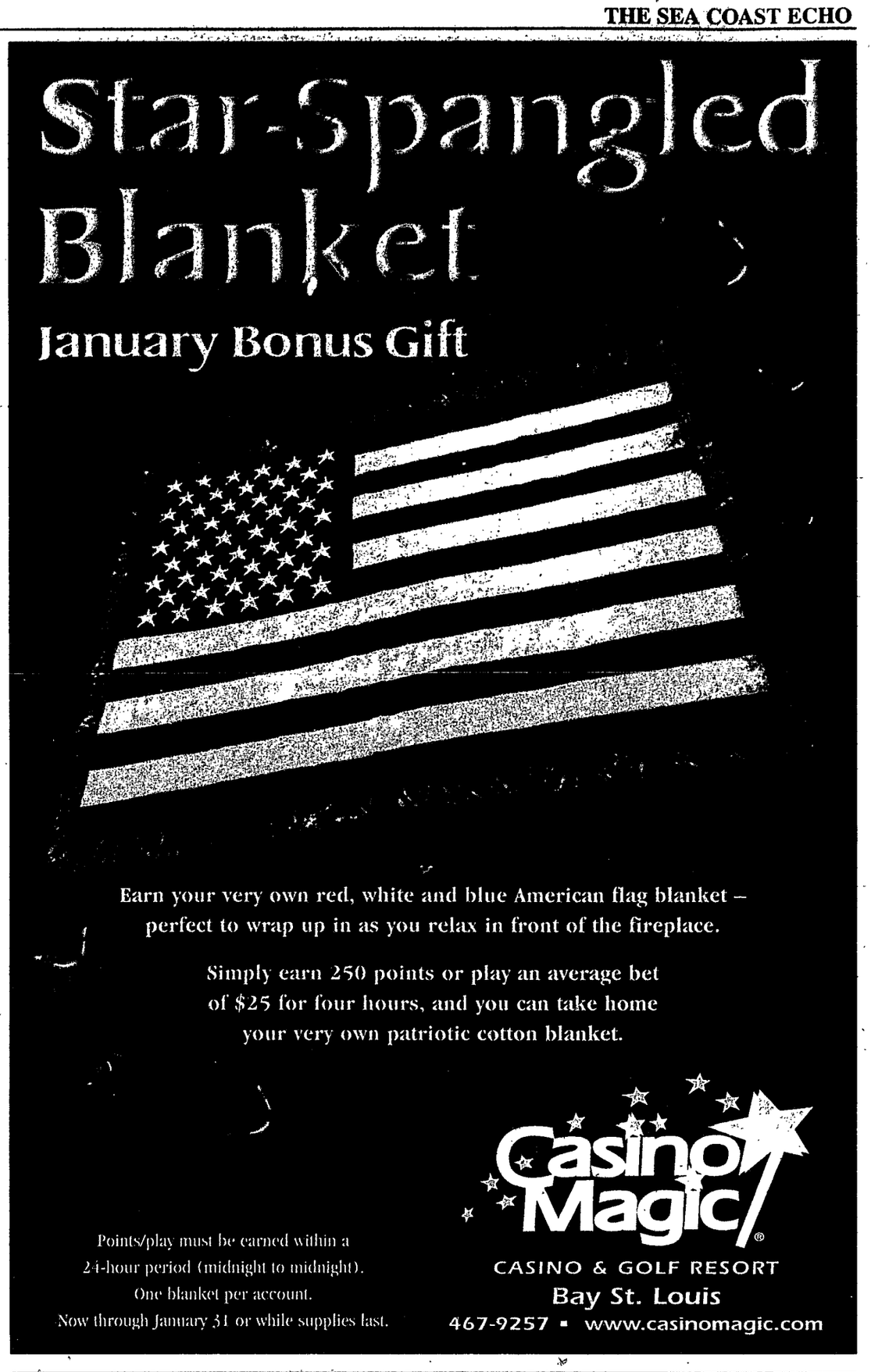
The legislation, which also must be adopted by the board of supervisors, seeks to prohibit any additional mobile homes from coming into areas of the county zoned "R-2, Single Family Residential."

The ban would apply to Shoreline Park on both sides of state Hwy. 603, Bayside Park off U.S. Hwy. 90, Clermont Harbor, Heron Bay and a small area of Washington and Chapman streets.

Gavney said commissioners intend to keep wording intact in the amendment which would grandfather in trailers that already exist in the subdivisions and allow owners to upgrade.

Voting for the ban were commissioners Wayne Ducomb, C.A. Russ and Packer Ladner. Commissioners Alan Dedeaux and Mike Favre did not attend Thursday's meeting.

If supervisors concur in the planning commission's decision and adopt the ban, opponents have 10 days to appeal to the circuit court.





COMMUNITY

Generators require correct care, usage

BY BETHANY WALDROP KEIPER
MSU Ag Communications

Many Mississippians turn to gasoline-powered generators to provide power and warmth during winter's electrical outages, but improperly maintaining or using generators can make a difficult situation even worse.

Generators need upkeep throughout the year, and incorrect usage can be fatal, explained Herb Willcutt, agricultural engineering and safety specialist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service.

Without proper maintenance, the generator that has been gathering dust for most of the year may not work when it is most needed.

"Most people buy a generator for emergencies, use it for a few days or weeks, and then turn it off and leave it the rest of the year. If gas is left in the tank, it will go stale and varnish, and then the generator will not run when you try to start it," Willcutt said.

"All generators need preseason maintenance, regular run periods of 10 to 30 minutes every two to three months and the addition of fuel stabilizer into the gas tank."

When a generator is not in use, it is best to leave the gas tank empty. Unfortunately, most generators do not have a fuel tank drain, so getting the gasoline out of the tank can be tricky.

"Crank your generator and see if it works. If not, the tank likely needs to be emptied and cleaned. Find a small engine repair shop to repair it long before it may be needed," Willcutt said.

Proper ventilation is vital for all alternative heating sources, including generators.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, carbon monoxide poisoning from fuel-burning appliances kills more than 200 people each year and sends about 10,000 to hospital emergency rooms for treatment. Always use generators outdoors.

Another important safety concern is the refueling process. Turn off the generator and allow it to cool down before adding fuel.

A generator is only useful as long as there is gasoline to fuel it. Check the generator's oil level often. With a little planning, it is possible to conserve fuel and still be comfortable.

"To make the fuel last, avoid using the generator to supply power to televisions and water heaters. You can use a blower on a heater to better circulate warmth, or use a fan to help circulate heat from a radiant-type heater – one that uses natural or propane gas," Willcutt advised.

Before using a generator to power a refrigerator or deep freeze, check the frequency on the generator to protect appliances.

"The generator's frequency should be 60 cycles. Less than this may damage refrigeration equipment and electronics," Willcutt said. "You don't have to have a large generator to stay comfortable. Run items alternately a few at a time."

Generators need to be grounded and extension cords need to be treated properly. Do not wedge the cords in tight

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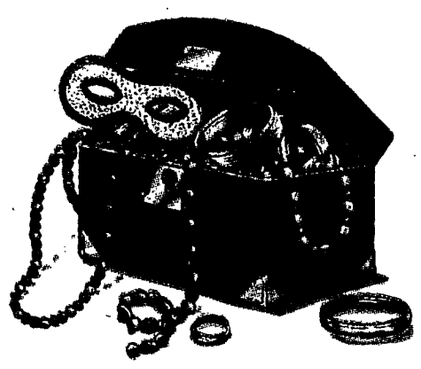
Epiphany

The Mardi Gras season officially begins

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Today, January 6, the Epiphany, celebrates the traditional twelfth day of Christmas, the day when the three wise men or magi, (C)Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, arrived in Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus. It also represents to many the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of the Mardi Gras season, when traditional Mardi Gras celebrations begin.

The Epiphany, also called Three Kings Day, Little Christmas, Kings Day, and the Feast of the Holy Kings, is the oldest of Christmas feasts. In the fourth century, December 25 was adopted as the date of the Feast of Christ's birth by the Western Christian Church,



but to this day, the Eastern Christian Church recognizes January 6 as the celebration of the nativity. January 6 was also kept as the physical birth in Bethlehem.

On the day of Epiphany, according to legend, the three wise men, following the bright star to Bethlehem, presented the Christ child with the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Father Noel Fannin, at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland, said the three gifts represent the precious child (gold being a precious metal), worship and the path of faith the child would follow (frankincense being an incense used in the temples), and the prediction that Christ would offer his life to save his people (myrrh being used in the embalming process and representing death).

In the past, many areas had special traditions for the day.

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It's not *just* a King cake – it's history

ECHO STAFF REPORT

The king cake traditionally was served on "Little Christmas" or "Kings' Day" other names for the Feast of the Epiphany, celebrated Jan. 6. Since Epiphany comes on the twelfth day of the Christmas celebration, it also became known as Twelfth Night.



Traditionally the cake was baked on Epiphany Eve and served the following afternoon to family and friends. Today, the cake is served throughout the "Epiphany season," or until Mardi Gras.

By the Middle Ages, veneration of the three wise men had spread throughout Europe and Epiphany became known as The Feast of the Three Holy Kings. The cake was baked in honor of the Magi.

Latin Americans, like New Orleanians, place a figure representing the Christ child inside the cake. In other cultures, the king cake might contain a coin, bean, pecan or pea.

In medieval France, the coin finder was expected to make a contribution to a worthy cause, usually the education of a deserving youngster. In some parts of Europe, those who find the bean and pea are king and queen for the day.

In New Orleans and on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the person who receives the piece of cake containing a "baby" must provide the king cake for the next gather-

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It's awfully cold right now, but 'It Does Get Hot'



(Authors Note: I'm taking January off. The columns this month will be sort of "oldies but goodies." I thought that in view of this past weeks weather, you might appreciate this reminder of other days.)

It does get hot here. It's early August and the heat has been hammering us since June. Summers on the Gulf Coast can be hot, you expect that. But this summer seems to be exceptionally hot, and the heat is lasting a lot longer than normal.

Last weekend, Stella and I worked in that heat, making wooden frames to cover the exposed sides of the porch's new sliding glass doors. The old doors had been there twenty-five years and they had started to move about in their jambs. This not only let in heat; it let in something much worse, moisture. We realized that we had to do something. These new doors were our answer.

The new doors are solidly made and now that they are installed we can tell the difference inside the house. The air conditioning does not come on as often.

There are four porch doors and, since the frames were to cover their two outside flanges, we had to make eight frames. I used the redwood rescued from that we had pulled up when we replaced the old porch. The wood was badly scared and so to make it both look smooth and to restore its red color, I used a 12' electric planer to shave off a quarter inch of the surface layer.

For a small job like making frames, it seemed to be too much trouble to move the heavy planer and set it up on the front porch. Besides, the planeing that much wood generates a lot of sawdust and it seemed better to leave the mess that would be generated in back where it was easier to clean up.

We also left the radial saw back there for the same reasons. Since each frame had a different length with the differences ranging between a quarter- to a half-inch, this meant carrying eight sets of three measurements, or a total of 24 separate measurements to carry back to the planer and saw.

At first things went along fairly well. We had started early in the day when the heat was in the mid-eighties with just the porch fans giving a breeze. However, there was no breeze in the back. And of course there was the humidity. As we walked back and forth, we quickly became covered with sweat, and the sawdust generated by our cutting stuck

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What's for Lunch?

Jan. 7-11

Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District

Chef Salad, Milk and Condiments served daily

BREAKFAST

Monday: Pancake and Sausage Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Tuesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Wednesday: Grits and Hashbrowns, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Thursday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Friday: Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Beef-A-Roni, Ham and Cheese Sandwich with Trimmings, Buttered Corn, Seasoned Green Beans, Fresh Apple, Peach Slices, Yeast Roll

Tuesday: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Roast Beef Poboy with Gravy, Parslied New Potatoes, Cheesy Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Banana, Jell-O Cake

Wednesday: Chicken Gumbo with Rice, Corn Dog Nuggets, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Peanut Butter Chews, Crackers

Thursday: Taco Salad, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Cream-style Corn, Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chilled Pears

Friday: Lasagna, Texas Grilled Cheese with Vegetable Soup, French Fries, Green Peas, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Tropical Fruit Mix, Yellow Cake with Icing, Yeast Roll.

Hancock North Central Gulfview and Charles B. Murphy Elementary Schools

Served daily: Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert and Milk

Condiments: Mustard/Mayo/Ketchup Sweet and Sour Sauce/Salsa BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or Taco Sauce

BREAKFAST

Monday: Cereal with Toast or Chicken Pattie Biscuit, Juice

Tuesday: Cereal with Toast or Pancake Pup, Juice

Wednesday: Cereal with Toast or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Juice

Thursday: Cereal with Toast or Sausage Biscuit, Juice

Friday: Cereal with Toast or Breakfast Pizza, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Chicken Spaghetti, Foot-long Hot Dog, French Fries, Calif. Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday: Southern Fried Chicken, Cheeseburger, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Yellow Cake with Icing

Wednesday: Turkey and Dressing, Pizza, French Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Applesauce

Thursday: Beef-A-Roni, Ham and Cheese Poboy, Oven Fries, Raw Vegetable with Dip, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Brownies

Friday: Taco Salad, Roast Beef Poboy, Creamed Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Tossed Salad, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Ice Cream

Hancock High School

Served daily: Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert and Milk

Condiments: Mustard/Mayo/Ketchup Sweet and Sour Sauce/Salsa BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or Taco Sauce

LUNCH

Monday: Cheesy Chicken over Rice, Foot-long Hot Dog, Stuffed Crust Pizza, French Fries, Calif. Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday: Southern Fried Chicken, Cheeseburger, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Yellow Cake with Icing

Wednesday: Turkey and Dressing, Pizza, French Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jell-O

Thursday: Beef-A-Roni, Ham and Cheese Poboy, Oven Fries, Raw Vegetable with Dip, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Brownies

Friday: Chicken Spaghetti, Taco Salad, Roast Beef Poboy, Creamed Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Tossed Salad, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Ice Cream

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UM offers summer accelerated studies for eighth-10th graders

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Think you're too young to go to college? Not at the University of Mississippi (UM), where a program planned for summer 2002 gives students entering the eighth, ninth and 10th grades next fall a taste of college life.

The Summer Accelerated Studies Program offers students possible credit toward high school graduation and the opportunity to explore academic and career interests through a variety of classes on the Oxford campus.

During one of two sessions, June 2-27 or July 7-Aug. 1, students can study mythology, astronomy, creative writing, botany, language arts and environmental science, depending on their grade levels. Students attend a morning and an afternoon class, each for a Carnegie half-unit of credit.

Students may enroll in both sessions, enabling them to take three or four classes. Eighth-grade courses are open to all students; ninth-grade classes are open to ninth- and 10th-graders, so students can pick up classes they may have missed earlier.

This year the Summer Accelerated Studies Program is offering Algebra I as an afternoon course. Those successfully completing the two-session course receive a full unit of credit.

To take Algebra I, students must be enrolled in both summer sessions to meet contact-hour requirements for the full unit.

Optional weekend activities are planned. Weekend meals are the responsibility of the student, but costs for bowling, swimming, movies and trips to Tupelo or Memphis are covered by the program's activity fee.

Applicants must be students in good standing in the seventh, eighth or ninth grades. Home-schooled students also are encouraged to apply.

An applicant should have either gifted or talented certification from his or her school or Duke Talent Identification Program, or a 3.5 grade-point average in all four subject areas of math, science, social studies and English for the past three years in school.

The student also must have standardized achievement test scores above the present grade level and have permission from the school principal.

The cost of the Summer Accelerated Program is $870 for resident students and $390 for commuting students. The $870 plan includes room rent and meal plan.

Students are responsible for the cost of books and materials, and resident students also must cover weekend meals.

For more information about the Summer Accelerated Studies Program and to request an application, contact the Office of Summer School at P.O. Box 9, University, MS 38677, (662) 915-7621 or umsummer@olemiss.edu.

Applications will be reviewed, and eligible students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Enrollment in each course is limited to 20 students.

American Red Cross January blood drives

American Red Cross January blood drives include:

Monday, Jan. 7 – Pass Christian Elementary School, 700 W. North Street, 3-8 p.m. in the school gym. All donors will receive a T-shirt.

Tuesday, Jan. 8 – Orange Grove Community Center, Hwy. 49, 3-8 p.m. Sponsored by the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus. All donors will receive a T-shirt and a Red Cross water bottle.

Tuesday, Jan. 8 – Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, Broad Avenue, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the South Building Classrooms 1-5.

Monday, Jan. 14 – Long Beach Middle School, 204 N. Cleveland, 3-8 p.m. in the school gym. All donors will receive a T-shirt.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 – Triton Systems Corporate Office, 522 Railroad Avenue in Long Beach, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Conference Room. Donors will receive a T-shirt.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 – Gulfport Police Department, 15th Street in downtown Gulfport, 4-8 p.m. All donors will receive a T-shirt.

Thursday, Jan. 17 – Bay High School, Blue Meadow Road in Bay St. Louis, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. in the auditorium. All donors will receive a T-shirt.

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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. John Louis Farve III

Angie Leigh Richardson of Bay St. Louis and John Louis Farve III of Bay St. Louis were united in marriage Nov. 17, 2001 in an evening ceremony in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Father Mike Austin officiated, and Ollie McKenna was organist. Readings were by Lisa Haas, Margie Schmitt and Sherriel Ann Necaise, and gift bearers were Janice and Tony Lambert.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Joy Richardson of Bay St. Louis.

The groom's parents are Johnny and Liz Farve of Bay St. Louis.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

For the occasion she selected a white, sheer, long-sleeved gown with a beaded and embroidered bodice and featuring a drop waist with an organza skirt and a cathedral-length train.

She wore a pearl and diamond headpiece with a three-tiered veil and carried white, long-stemmed roses.

Maid of honor was Lindsay Richardson, and matron of honor was DeeDee Ladner.

Bridesmaids included Kati Dedeaux, Jennifer LaFontaine, Tessa Rogers, Jessica Compretta, Jeanne Necaise, Tracey Pullin, Kellie Smith, Kacey Edwards and Meghan Schmitt.

Flower girl was Saeler Rogers, and ringbearers were Brendon Ladner and Jackson Rogers.

Best men were Trey Schultz and Mark Tomasich.

Ushers included Brent Richardson, Shea Ladner, Shawn Keener, Stevie LaFontaine, Michael Sanders, Tompey Lawler, Bryan Pullin, Scott Rogers, Cody Tomasich, Lance Tomasich and Logan Pullin.

A reception followed the ceremony in the Hancock County Civic Center.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Bay St. Louis Depot.

An engagement party was hosted by the parents of the bride at their home. A miscellaneous shower was given by the family of the bride at the home of Christy Barnes, and a couple shower was given by Brian and Margie Schmitt at their home.

A miscellaneous shower was hosted by the family of the groom at the home of Terri Tomasich, and another miscellaneous shower was given by the bridesmaids at the Bay St. Louis Depot.

A groom's Honey-do shower was given by the groomsmen at the home of Terri and Mark Tomasich, and a lingerie shower was hosted by friends of the bride at the home of Helen Doxey.

After a honeymoon at Walt Disney World in Florida, the couple will reside in Waveland.

Who's Who list features local PRCC students

Pearl River Community College has released its list of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for the 2001-2002 school year.

Seventy students were selected by a committee of department chairs after being nominated by the PRCC faculty. Who's Who students were evaluated on scholastic standing, service to the community, leadership in extra curricular activities and future potential.

"These students are outstanding members of our student body," said Dr. Miller Hammill, dean of students affairs at PRCC. "They are to be congratulated for this accomplishment while at PRCC."

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Local students and their hometowns include:

BAY ST. LOUIS - Bert G. Hobgood.

KILN - Sergie A. Ivanenko, Lisa Kay Trahan.

WAVELAND - Judith Roxanne Fletcher, August C. McKay III.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers loans and scholarships

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society scholarship and loan applications for academic year 2002-2003 are available at the Gulfport and Pascagoula offices.

The Vice Admiral E. P. Travers Scholarship and Loan Program provides a student with a grant of up to $2,000 or the service member with and interest-free loan of up to $3,000 per academic year.

All awards are based on financial need, as established by the Society. A student must either be the unmarried dependent son or daughter of an active-duty or retired Navy or Marine Corps service member or the spouse of an active-duty Navy or Marine Corps service member. Gulfport Office: Suite 103, Fleet and Family Support Center, Bldg. 30, NCBC Gulfport, 228-871-2610

Pascagoula Office: Building 60, NAVSTA Pascagoula, 228-

Krewe of Nereids seeks entries for annual parade February 3

The Krewe of Nereids announces its annual parade scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.

The Krewe invites community groups to enter and join the fun. Entries may be floats, marching or walking groups, dancers, maskers or other types of family entertainment groups.

Prizes will be awarded in four categories: Walking groups, business-sponsored floats, neighborhood-sponsored floats and floats sponsored by other krewes.

For more information and entry forms, call Mrs. Richmond at 467-9057, extension 227 (8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays) or 255-8271 (after 6 p.m.).

A complete set of parade rules will be sent at time of entry. Entry forms may also be obtained at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce office in Bay St. Louis.

The Nereids parade route follows Highway 90 in Waveland from Choctaw Plaza to the Bay St. Louis Post Office and returns to Waveland Avenue.

Deadline for entries is Jan. 20.

Births

ERIN FAY LAFONTAINE

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell LaFontaine II of Long Beach announce the birth of their second child, Erin Fay, Dec. 10, 201 at 7:17 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mrs. LaFontaine is the former Julie Castiglia.

Maternal grandparents are Frank and Fay Castiglia of Long Beach.

Paternal grandparents are Terrell and Laurin Ann LaFontaine of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include the late Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Russell, the late Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Castiglia, Lydia Favre of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton LaFontaine of Bay St. Louis.

Erin is welcomed by her sister, Emily.

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Epiphany

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Christmas trees were taken down, and used for a bonfire. Any sweets left decorating the tree were given to the children. In Germany, prayers were offered on Epiphany eve, dried herbs were burnt for aroma, doorways were sprinkled with holy water, and the initials of the three wise men chalked above doorways. Though most area churches will not hold any special celebrations for the day as was the tradition in the past, most clergymen will speak of the meaning of the day.

Three Kings Day also holds the origins of the king cake, so popular in the Mardi Gras season. Traditionally in many parts of the world, the cake was baked on Epiphany eve and served the following afternoon.

In Germany, the cake is served on Epiphany eve and contains dried fruit. The icing is topped with candied cherries and a gold foil crown is placed in the center of the cake. In medieval France, a coin was placed in the cake and the person to find it was expected to make a contribution to a worthy cause. In some parts of Europe a pea or bean is placed in the cake and the finder becomes king or queen for the day. In Latin America, like New Orleans and Mississippi, a baby figure, representing the Christ child, is placed in the cake.

Here, the person finding the baby traditionally provides the cake for the next celebration. Thousands of cakes are sold each season in the area.

In many Spanish speaking countries, Christmas is a strictly religious holiday, and gifts are exchanged on the Feast of Epiphany, or Little Christmas.

On another level, the Epiphany represents the manifestation of the mysteries that are always beyond words and a new beginning in which believers surrender to the moment and allow themselves to be led by their faith into experience. Epiphanies represent change that is beyond our control, an experience that cannot be created from within; an experience that one must be open to and receive from another.

The Epiphany celebrates the Incarnation of God in Christ, a time when believers may think about allowing themselves to be more like the Magi and allow the stars to take them to new and unknown places, an exercise in faith.

King Cake

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ing of the season. (In some offices, king cake has become a daily treat for the full length of Carnival.)New Orleans bakeries report selling 4,000-5,000 king cakes each day during the Carnival season, and cakes are shipped to destinations worldwide. Today king cakes with fillings and flavorings have outdistanced the sugared one in popularity.

UM Space Grant Conference helps teachers make science and math exciting for students

U.S. Rep. Roger Wicker, R-Tupelo, is keynote speaker as high school science and math teachers seek out-of-this-world ideas at the University of Mississippi (UM) Jan. 25-26.

The Oxford campus hosts the annual Mississippi NASA Space Grant Consortium teacher conference featuring workshops and demonstrations to help teachers make physical sciences and mathematics exciting in their classrooms. The conference is in the E.F. Yerby Conference Center.

"Every year, we offer teachers new and innovative ways to teach their students about science," said Anita Randle, the consortium's project coordinator.

"Last year, we targeted grades 4 and 5, and this is the first year we've focused on high school teachers. The big attraction is that we have handouts and ideas that teachers can take back to their classrooms and use right away."

The conference features sessions on archaeological studies of ceremonial sites near Hollywood, Miss., atmospheric physics research on thunderstorms, using the Internet to teach mathematics and how to talk to students about bioethics.

"The key to getting students interested in science and math is to make it exciting and not so intimidating," said Dr. Peter Sukanek, conference director and UM chair of chemical engineering.

"We want to help teachers get students involved in these areas so they will think about pursuing careers in science, engineering or related fields."

Dr. Greg Easson, director of the UM Geoinformatics Center, presents a remote sensing workshop, and Dr. Jim Hill, award-winning educator and director of Rainwater Observatory and Planetarium, will examine the origins of the universe and give participants a peek at Saturn, Jupiter and the moon through telescopes.

Other presenters include Dr. Jay Johnson, UM professor of anthropology; Dr. David Rock, UM associate professor of curriculum and instruction; Dr. Thomas Marshall, UM chair of physics; Dr. Gregg Davidson, UM assistant professor of geology and geological engineering; Dr. Michael Harrington, UM chair of philosophy; Marni Kendricks, math teacher at Oxford High School; and Dr. Carlysle Meek, associate professor of chemistry at Delta State University.

Many of the demonstrations can be duplicated inexpensively and offer hands-on features to get students involved, said Sukanek.

Participation in the conference is by invitation only, and coordinators from the consortium's 16 member universities and community colleges can provide invitations. Teachers receive 1.2 CEUs and a $100 stipend, plus room and board, for the conference.

The conference is limited to 40 participants, and registration will be closed when that number is reached, Sukanek said.

A list of contacts at member institutions is available on the Internet at www.olemiss.edu/programs/nasa/spacegrant.html <http://www.olemiss.edu/programs/nasa/spacegrant.html>

Taylor is original cosponsor of school prayer amendment

US Rep. Gene Taylor, along with 74 other members of the U.S. House of Representatives, is one of the original cosponsors who are introducing the School Prayer Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Taylor stressed that while the proposed amendment (House Joint Resolution 81) would allow school prayer, it would not mandate school prayer and other religious expression on public property.

The text of H.J. Res. 81 reads:

"To secure the people's right to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience.

"– Neither the United States nor any State shall establish any official religion, but the people's right to pray and to recognize their religious beliefs, heritage, and traditions on public property, including schools, shall not be infringed.

"– The United States and the States shall not compose school prayers, nor require any person to join in prayer or other religious activity."

Taylor said, "I am very pleased to be a cosponsor of this proposed constitutional amendment. In 1998 I cosponsored the Religious Freedom Amendment. This earlier proposed amendment passed with the support of a majority of members of the House, but it did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote. I hope the School Prayer Amendment will he more successful. I do believe that we can allow voluntary prayer in our public schools without infringing on anyone's religious liberty."

Taylor said the amendment is narrower in scope than the Religious Freedom Amendment. A constitutional amendment must pass both the U.S. House and Senate by a two-thirds and then be ratified by three-fourths of the 50 states.

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She also implemented the Paul Mitchell, Redken and Nexxus Education Programs which offers monthly instruction from a variety of certified educators from across the United States.

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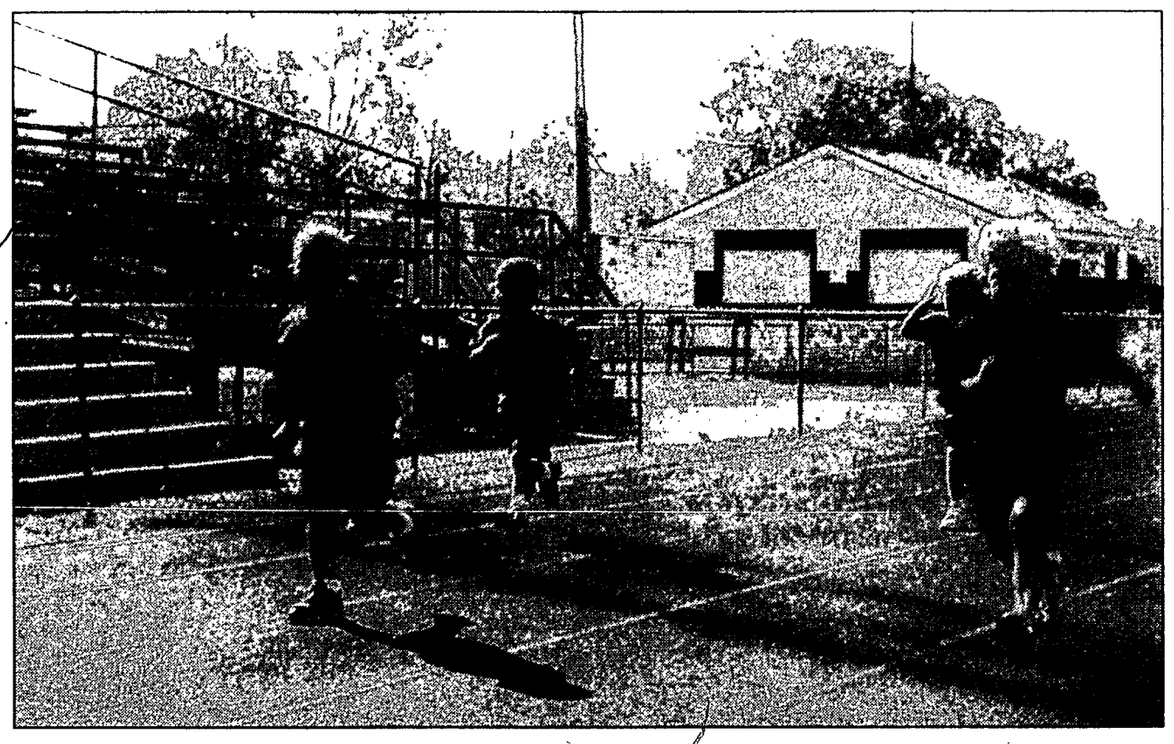
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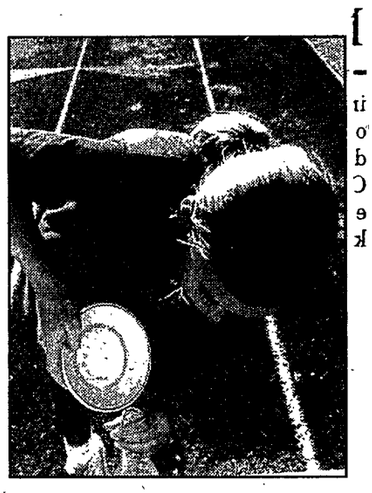












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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome LeDoux, SVD



Jesus never mis-

For perhaps most viewers, the most awesome sight during the December 7, 2001 World War II Pacific Victory Parade around the D-Day Museum in New Orleans was the fly-by of the formidable B-1 bomber.

Quiet, sleek but huge, and very fast, the powerful jet swerved in and out of sight like a ghost.

The eye-popping aeronautical masterpiece made a strong case for being one of the ultimate expressions of engineering.

What a shock, then, to hear days later that a B-1 bomber had gone down in the Indian Ocean from unknown causes. The sole consolation was that the crew had ejected safely.

Flashbacks fired by that dreary news exploded in my memory, as I thought back on the Rockaway, New York disaster of the Airbus 300 jetliner. That, too, is a marvel of engineering, the pride of European aircraft manufacturers.

Not a few flashbacks reviewed various airliners built in America, Canada and Europe. This is not a litany of crashes, for such air disasters are actually relatively rare, since air travel is far safer than ground travel.

No, the burden of these observations is the confirmation of something we know well already, but tend to forget very easily. In the same vein as, "The best laid plans of mice and men go astray," the most ingenious and the very best products of the human mind and hand are, at best, usually dependable.

The Space Shuttle Challenger put the punctuation mark to this on January 28, 1986 when the finest piece of equipment ever to come from human ingenuity showed its tragic limitations to the world by exploding in midair.

Super computers with blinding speeds and capacities, recorders and cameras with incredible detail and clarity from as far away as satellites, marve-lous advances in surgery and medicine, plus so many other brain-teasing technological wonders of the twenty-first century underscore the triumphs of the human mind and skills.

By the same token, all these wonders work most of the time. There is nothing which works all the time, so that we run into situations like "The computers are down" often enough to get our attention. It is no accident that repair shops for machines of every kind are never at a loss for business.

"The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength" (1 Corinthians 1:25).

Again, "The wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: 'He catches the wise in their own ruses'" (1 Corinthians 3:19).

That is the whole point of it. As spectacular as they are, the ultimate ex-pressions of human imagination, creativity and technology all fall far short of perfection, and frequently cause as much irritation as benefits and profit.

Truth to tell, we are quite rarely able to deliver just as advertised.

One should say it's a no-brainer. When it comes down to a choice between human technology and God, God should win hands down.

But human pride, seriously deluded by our perceived brilliance and ingenuity, drives us to de-pend on and glory in the vanities of our abilities and accomplishments.

With all this, one would think we would be flocking to and clinging to the Messiah who can and always does deliver just as advertised.

Compared to our pipsqueak intelligence, ingenuity and technology, listen to the credentials of the Messiah whose birthday we celebrate with laughter and gusto:

"A child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful" (Isaiah 9:5, 6).

So secure is God that the second person of the Blessed Trinity chose to divest himself of his divinity and take upon himself the nature of a slave, becoming like us in everything except sin.

"Because of this, God has exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:5-11).

Human technology entertains us and, to a great extent, serves us, but there is only One who enraptures us in every way: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last, the One who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever" (Revelation 21:6; 1:17-18).

Start your mind on a therapeutic creativity trip

Want to do something creative, but you just can't seem to find a beginning? Set your ideas into motion.

Creativity doesn't always come easily, but there are many ways to stimulate it, if you put your mind to it, says Dr. Mary Jane Zander, assistant professor of art at the University of Mississippi (UM).

Zander, who teaches art education, offers several suggestions to let your creative instincts get the better of you.

• **Just do it.** Anyone who wants to draw, write, paint, cook or try almost any other creative project should throw fear out the window, and "just start playing," Zander says.

Getting started is one of the hardest and most important parts of creating. As you think of making a scrap book, painting a picture, writing a novel or sewing a quilt, don't wait for the right moment for it to happen. Go ahead and get the materials together, and let your imagination go.

A blank page or "white paper" can be terribly intimidating, Zander says. Don't let that stop you. Once you start, you'll probably be surprised to see how easily everything falls into place.

• **Don't give up.** Commitment is very important, as is self-monitoring, when you start a project for which you are the boss. Set deadlines and work with persistence.

If you encounter failure, simply start all over again, says Zander. Experience is achieved through an unknown number of failures.

• **Just be you.** "Be outrageous," Zander says. As children, we're not afraid to be original, but as adults we often censor ourselves.

One of the major obstacles in art-making is the creator's tendency toward conformity. You have to give yourself the "freedom to be unconventional," says Zander, who has been painting and drawing most of her life.

Follow your hunches, take a risk, and see if it works. If it doesn't, there's always a next time. Never, never be afraid. You can't be fired.

• **Don't strive for perfection.** There is no "right" or "wrong" in art. There's only what "works" and what doesn't.

Shut down voices that say, I'm not good ... rather, ask yourself, "Is it original? Have I pushed the boundaries? Have I taken a risk?" says Zander.

You have many options. Before you start, realize that you don't start with perfection. "Creative people don't always do it right the first time."

When it comes to creating your personal masterpiece, as soon as you get the urge, you're ready to begin. Don't hesitate to explore the creative side of your personality – there's a precious something just waiting for you to create and behold.

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We live in an amazing age. The world is the stage of life. And the actors have authority over life and death. Should this be the case?

It depends on your worldview. If you believe we are the products of evolution, then it is the survival of the fittest. And the job of the psychiatrist is to help determine the most fit to receive treatment. It is all quite logical.

On the other hand, if you believe human beings were created by God in His image, the scene changes. WE are to love our neighbors as ourselves. And we are to give to our neighbor the treatment we would desire for ourselves.

The criterion for judgment changes when God is in the picture. But, you say, there is evidence for evolution. And there is no evidence for God.

Listen, "What was from the beginning, what we have had, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life – what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you" (1 John 1:1 & 3).

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Views -- It Does Get Hot

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to that sweat.

Gradually, as the morning passed, the heat increased. We worked steady, and as we worked and the heat increased, we started making mistakes. Stella and I began to snap at each other. These snaps didn't bother Jennie. She lay sprawled out in the shadows of the porch, alternating between watching us and sleeping, letting the breeze from the fans give her what little coolness there was. Holly, our black tom, was smarter; he stayed inside in the air conditioning under the couch, stretched out, sound asleep.

We kept pushing, trying to get the doors done, telling each other that this wasn't that big a job. We were on the last frame when I realized that we hadn't exchanged a snap for some time. I had paused and was mutely staring at a board that I had cut too short.

This was the second time that I had cut the board for the frame wrong. What was worse, each wrong cut involved measuring and going to the back to plane and cut a new board. I looked over at Stella. She had sat down in one of the porch chairs and was staring at the same offending board. I put the board down and got up.

I walked over to the porch thermometer fastened to the shady side of one of the porch posts. It was ninety-eight. As I looked at it, it appeared to waver, as if it was about to go even higher.

I stood there looking at the thermometer. There was no breeze; the porch fans seemed useless. I had had to step over Jennie to get to the thermometer. Her eyes had followed me as I stepped over her to get to the thermometer, but nothing else. She was not about to move. It was too hot. She didn't need a thermometer to tell her that.

To get back to the door, I would have to step over her again. I realized I didn't want to. It would take too much effort. I started picking up the tools. Stella watched me for a second and then got up and began to help. We gathered everything together and started carrying them around to the back of the house. Jennie got up and followed listlessly.

Then we went into the spa area where there was an open shower and took turns letting the cold water flow over our faces and bodies.

Later, we sat in the dining room drinking iced sun tea and eating a cold salad lunch made with tomatoes from Stella's garden and diced leftover pork chops. The work we had done on the dining room glass door looked good. We couldn't see the door that we had stopped work on. That was on the other end of the porch, by the front bedroom.

I knew it was there, though. It could wait.

"Maybe tomorrow," I said, staring moodily out the door. Stella got up and got some more sun tea. She knew better. She had heard the TV weatherman report that the heat index was one hundred ten and that we should expect the same tomorrow.

"Or maybe November," she said pouring the tea into our glasses. We sat there drinking the tea and looking out on the glazed waters of the Sound. The sky seemed to hang low over the water as if it were a heavy blanket. There was a gray, almost palpable fuzziness to its blue color.

There was no wind. Although it was noon, the sun lacked clarity, and the water had a dull sheen, a metallic flatness. Two shrimpers nested bow to stern a short distance out. They'd be there till nightfall.

Nothing moved.

"All right," I agreed after a bit. "Maybe November."

Generator

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spaces or crush them under doors. This will damage the cord's insulation and could lead to a short or electrocution.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration recommended these safety guides for generators:

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Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

ACOA and Al-Anon

ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Thursdays at 8 p.m.. For information call 255-9213.

Al-Anon/BSL

Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday and Friday at 8 p.m. at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

American Cancer Society

Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison County chapters of the American Cancer Society

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sickroom supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including "Reach To Recovery", in which volunteers who have had mastectomies visit new breast cancer patients (with approval of physician) to assist in emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

Battered Women

Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW Group

Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW group meets every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center's meeting room.

The HOW group is a discipline plan of eating using the 12 steps and 12 traditions for support.

There are no dues or fees. The group is self supporting through their own contributions.

For information, contact Ann at 467-6254.

Blood Pressure

Retired Senior Volunteer Pro-gram sponsors free blood pressure on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital; 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate)

Volunteers are needed to speak up for an abused or neglected child. Be a child's voice. Call 467-7945.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare recovery. seminar and support group meets at Bayou View Baptist Church, 4709 Chamberlain Avenue, Gulfport, each Friday at 6:30 p.m. Child care provided through fifth grade.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics, including "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness."For information, call 228-896-7053 or visit the website at www.Bayouview.org.

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse

The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers and teen mentors.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse or help a child, call 868-8686.

Also, free parenting classes will be offered at the center, 327 Shieldboro Square, Bay St. Louis, for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communication skills, discipline, household management and child development.

Call 463-0000 for details or reservations.

Hancock County Humane Society

Humane Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sunday at 3 p.m. at Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock Co. NAACP

The Hancock County Branch NAACP meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church (fellowship hall), Sycamore Street, Bay St. Louis.

Genevieve Gordon, president, 467-6040.

Homework Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For registration information, call the center at 466-0401.

Hope Haven Children's Shelter

Hope Haven is a non-profit residential shelter for abused and neglected children and provides a safe, loving refuge to children from birth through 15.

The shelter welcomes public support through donations of money, goods or services. Volunteers are needed. Open board meetings are conducted at Mississippi Power Co., Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. A United Way agency. 228-467-7945; e-mail at www.hopehavenshelter.org.

Lupus Foundation

A Lupus Foundation of Mississippi education/support group meets 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the executive dining room at Gulf Coast Medical Center, 180 DeBuys Road, Biloxi.For information, call Shelia Pletcher at 436-9484 or 1-800-866-9606 for a free lupus information packet.

Public Notices

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on March 20 1996 DOROTHY R LEE executed a Deed of Trust to NOVA A CARROLL of the law firm of Stewart Burks, Pace & Carroll as Trustee for the benefit of GERALD M BOND AND WIFE CAROLYN F BOND, which deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Record Book 453 pages 377-380 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County State of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS GERALD M BOND AND WIFE CAROLYN F BOND heretofore substituted Clement S Benvenutti as Trustee by instrument dated November 1 2001 which was recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Record Book 663 pages 623-626 and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust and the legal holder of the indebtedness GERALD M BOND AND WIFE CAROLYN F BOND having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the land and property in accordance with the terms of the said Deed of Trust for the purposes of raising the sums due thereunder together with Attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee fees and the expenses of the sale.

NOW THEREFORE I CLEMENT S BENVENUTTI substitute Trustee in said Deed of Trust will on Friday the 21st day of January, 2002 offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11 00 A M and 3 00 P M) at the main front door at the county courthouse at Bay St Louis County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock State of Mississippi to wit

A parcel of land situated in Lots 17 and 19 Second Ward Town of Waveland, Hancock County Mississippi and more fully described as follows

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Northeast One Quarter of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 30 Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County Mississippi; thence run South 50 0 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence run South 325 0 feet, thence run North 89 degrees 12 minutes West 623 6 feet to the centerline of a gravel road thence run North 00 degrees 45 minutes East 349 6 feet along centerline of said road, thence run South 89 degrees 29 minutes East 345 5 feet along centerline of said road thence South 82 degrees 20 minutes East 255 2 feet along centerline of said road, thence run North 79 degrees 01 minutes 16 seconds East 20 9 feet along centerline of said road to the Point of Beginning containing 4 9 acres more or less, and being situated in the Northeast One Quart of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County Mississippi

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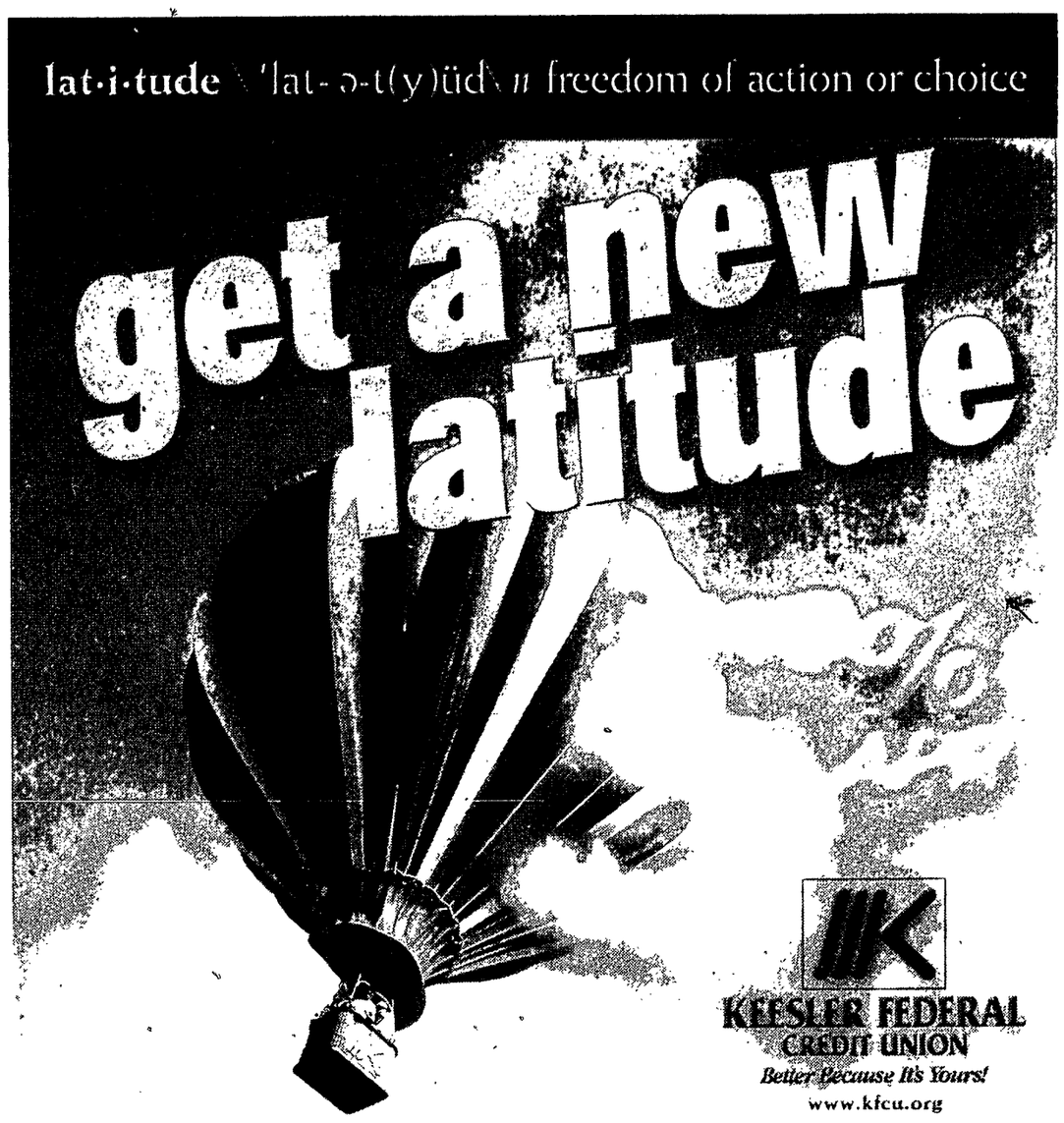
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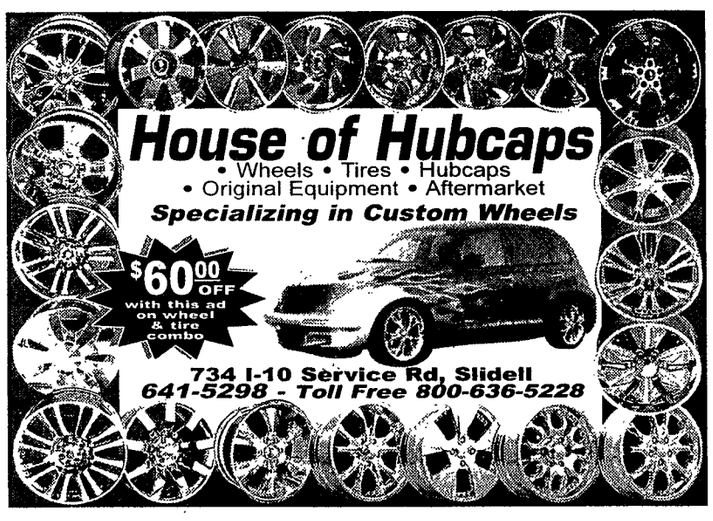
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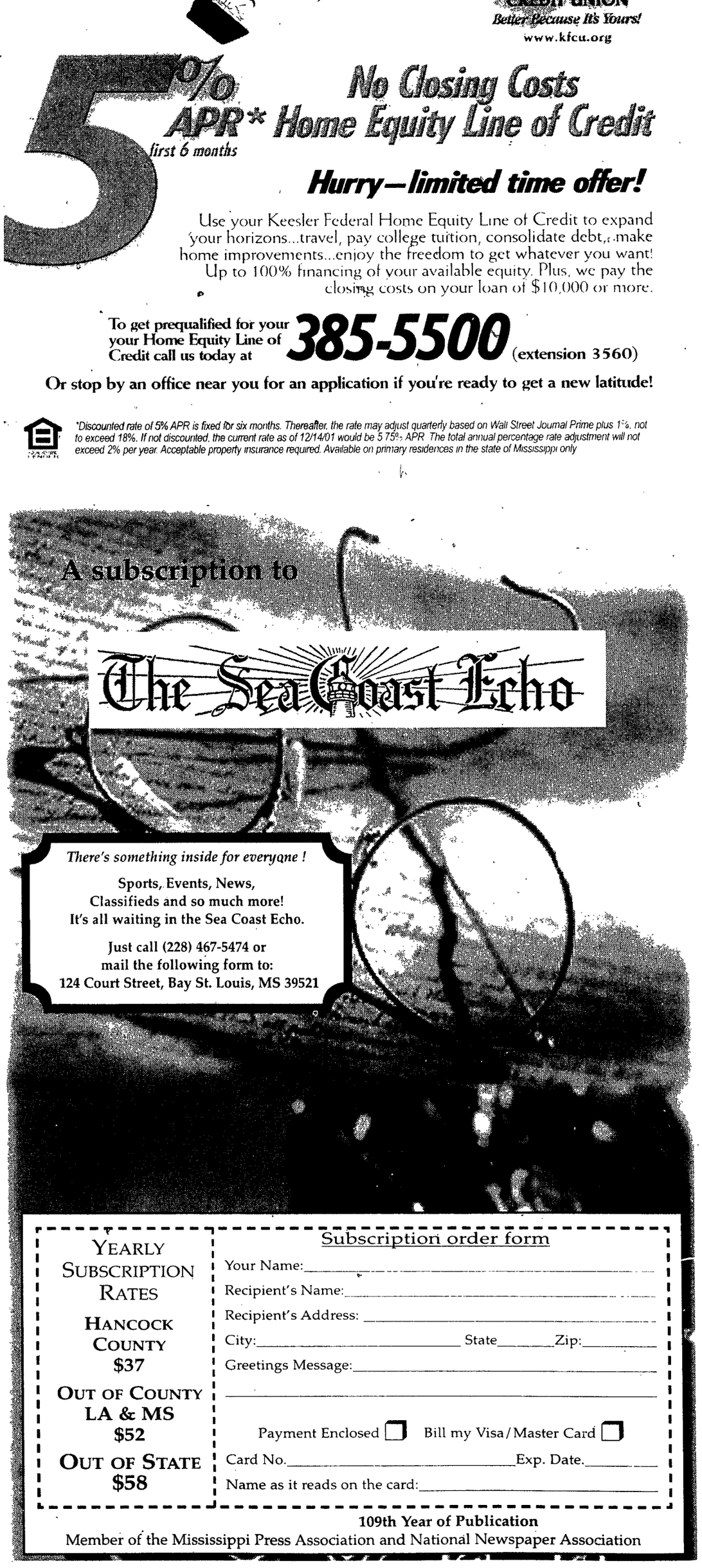
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to get more information on how you could advertise your business with us.

138 Trucks, Vans

BANK FINANCING EVEN WITH CREDIT problems, on nice late model trucks. 99 Chevy 1500 X-Cab, low miles, 350 V8, $259 a mo. Plenty of SUV's, trucks, 4 wheel drives, vans, in stock. Jimmy Stockstill, 1-800-798-9133.

143 Real Estate Services

All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination.
We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis."

146 Rooms For Rent

PRIVATE BR HOUSE PRIVILEGES NEAR Magic $325 Month, 467-5628.

147 Apartments For Rent

1 & 2 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC, CENTRAL heat/air, carpet, stove, refrigerator, water included. Starting at $325/month, plus deposit. Lease required. 463-0043, 467-3935.

1 BEDROOM COMPLETELY FURNISHED. utilities and cable. 467-8245.

1 BEDROOM FURNISHED APT. CENTRAL A/H. Ask for A.J. 467-8401.

The Waverly Apartments
NOW LEASING
Brand New!! 1, 2 & 3 BR's
(228) 463-2635

BEAUTIFUL SAFE LARGE 2 BEDROOM APT with wrap around porch in wooded area 502 Sunset, BSL. $495 month plus deposit. 467-2562.

BSL SMALL 2/BR 1/BA, CENTRAL H/A water paid, washer/dryer, rent $425. month. 467-1234.

CHARMING 1 AND 2 BEDROOM APTS. Near beach. 467-6742.

GREAT MOVE IN SPECIAL!! SIGNATURE Lake Apartments. 1s from $405., 2s from $425., 3s from $535. Call 452-9901.

LARGE NICE 1 BEDROOM COTTAGE near Casino Magic. Boat dock, pool, $575.00 month. 467-5628.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS: 2 BR, $450 month, 1 month free, 10% discount for seniors and military. 467-6882.

ONE BEDROOM, APT. WASHER/DRYER Hookups, walking distance to beach. $300. deposit. $350 Month. Or $100 week 463-0447.

UPSTAIRS, UNFURNISHED, 2 bedroom apartment. Central air/heat, pet free, in B S L. 255-3867.

WOW!! $500 MONTH. INCLUDES ALL utilities. Furnished 1 Brm. No deposit/Short lease. 2 locations: Ocean Springs: 228-875-0123, Bay St. Louis: 228-466-5251.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOM TRAILER FOR RENT, furnished, on water. $425.00. 467-2819.

2BR/1BA TRAILER FOR RENT, in the Kiln. Pet-free environment. 255-9397.

3BR/2BA, NEW STOVE, REFRIGERATOR, fenced yard, new carpet, storage shed. Very nice. 228-467-4992.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

FOR RENT 16X64 NEWER MODEL 2 Bedroom, total elect. Partially furnished. All appliances, including W/D. $450 month, plus $150 deposit. Section 8 Welcomed. 255-7405.

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT IN A NICE quiet area, in the Country. with large Shady Oak trees. Section 8 accepted. Call 586-1975 between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

SMALL ONE BEDROOM, utilities paid, with cable. $100/week, $150/deposit. 228-493-3763, 463-9674.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2 BEDROOM AND A 3 BEDROOM, Stove/Ref. W/D Hookup. Central heat air, fenced yard, pet free. 467-9777.

2 BEDROOM, UNFURNISHED HOME IN BSL. 1/2 block from beach. Screened porch, central a/h, w/d hookups, kitchen appliances. $650/mo.+1mo. deposit. Call 467-4138

2BR/1BA, 2,000 SQ. FT. HOME. Central a/h, 5201 Bordages St., Clermont Harbor. $800/month. 467-6088, (504)833-7027.

308 CARROLL AVE. BSL. LOVELY, newly renovated, 3BR 1-1/2BA home. Central A/H, hardwood floors large/screened porch. $875/month plus dep. 467-3061.

BAYSIDE PARK, $300/RENT, $200/DEP. Large bedroom, walk in closet, washer/dryer, off street parking. 467-3496.

DIAMONDHEAD, 2-3/BR HOME, $475-$595, near pool. Also N. Long Beach trailers, $220-$300, water. 255-7151.

DIAMONDHEAD: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, fireplace, washer/dryer, very clean, pet-free, $825/monthly + deposit. 467-7345.

FAMILY HOME, 3BR/2BA. Large kitchen, den w/fireplace, central air/heat. Buick St. $650/month, $250/deposit. 467-2690, 467-7160/evenings.

FOR LEASE OR SALE 4BR/3BA. In Jordan River Shores. Water & sewage paid. $1135. month. Plus/deposit. 228-255-9545.

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 BATH DUPLEX, B.S.L. $850/month. Call Chari @ Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp, 467-3777.

FOR RENT 3BR/2BA. BRICK HOME IN Waveland. $650/month. 467-6958.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA. FROM $750 PER month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

SHORELINE PARK: ON PILINGS, 2br/1ba/wash/dry conn, lg lot/private. $550mo/$550/dep. H. Wheeler Realty Svc. 228-547-9208.

151 Furn. House Rent

FURNISHED 1BR/1BA. COTTAGE. Catherdal ceilings, washer/dryer, pool. Water, sewer, cable included. Garage parking. 467-9912- or 342-1454. Rent $475.00 Deposit $475.

IN KILN, MS. NEW 3BR/2BA. BRICK HOME, with double garage. On two acres. $94,000. Will take mobile home as partial payment. 601-749-0014.

156 Lots/Acreage

2 LOTS WITH 146 FT. WATERFRONT. IN East Ansley Estates. $ 99,00.00 467-9765 or 324-8227.

CLERMONT HARBOR, THE LAKES Subdivision. 3-plus acre lots, wooded. None prettier in Hancock County. 5 mins. to beach, 20 mins. to NASA and Port Bienville. Colly Rd. off N. Railroad Ave., between Clermont and Lakeshore rail crossings. $15,000. 466-0688.

DEER PARK, 1 ACRE FOR MOBILE home on paved road with community water. $625/down, $145/per month for 15 years at 12% interest. Magnolia State Properties, 1-800-388-3138.

156 Lots/Acreage

IDEAL LOCATION FOR A BUSINESS! Four (4) Lots for Sale. Klin/Waveland Cut/off road Bay St. Louis, MS 467-3130.

IN KILN, MS. 2 AND 3 ACRE LOTS WILL build to suit. Starting at $12,000. 601-749-0014.

IN KILN, MS. ON JORDAN RIVER NICE waterfront lot. 80 ft on water. $50,000. 601-749-0014.

KILN MS 17 ACRES, BEAUTIFUL ROLLING hill , Live Oak trees, and pond. $7000, per acre. 601-749-0014.

158 Commercial Property

1100 SQ FT OFFICE ON HWY 90 B.S.L. $850/month. 467-5011.

215 HWY. 90 WAVELAND: SMALL COMMERCIAL, building with heavy traffic, excellent retail location. $450 mo. 504-286-3819. Leave message on recorder.

4,000 SQUARE FOOT METAL BUILDING for rent. with office area, great for storage. 586-1975.

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LEASE! Our Shopping Center, spaces range from $450.00 per month to $1,200.00 per month. Several spaces and sizes to choose from. Call Chari for appointment to see. Century 21 McIntryre-Rapp. 467-3777.

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE AVAILABLE: Choctaw Village, Waveland Ms. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT In Kiln area. $350 per month. 725 square feet. Call 255-1133.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE, 900 SQ. FT., 640 Hwy. 90, Waveland. $575 per month. Call Herb 467-0244, Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty.

159 Houses For Sale

2BR/ 1 1/2 BA. NEW CEN H/A, roof, carpet, ceramic tile and paint. Lots of room for shop or storage. Excellent buy $69,000. By owner. 332-0162 or 467-5379.

BRICK HOME, WELL ESTABLISHED BSL, neighborhood, 3 bedrooms 2 tile baths, kitchen w/appliances, central H/A, spacious L-shaped Living/dining Patio, fenced yard, double garage, high elevation, close to schools, shopping. 525 Esplanade Ave. $127,500. 467-9844.

BRICK, 3 BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOME in Old Town Bay St Louis. Large fenced yard, fireplace, alarm system. $79,000. 467-5912.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL: 241 BAY OAKS Drive, BSL. 3br/2bath, fireplace, new above ground pool.
Reduced walk to beach 410 & 404 West Fourth Street, Waveland.
616 Old Spanish Trail: 3br/2bath, fireplace, new above ground pool and privacy fence. Gold Coast. 228-467-4479.

I WILL PAY TOP $ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653.

OWNER FINANCE. #18 CHANTILLY TERRENCE. 3 bedroom, 90x140 property. $67,000. $2,000/down. Note includes taxes and insurance, $635/month. Call Gold Coast, 467-4479.

161 Condo/Rental/Sale

CONDOMINIUM ON THE BEACH, in Waveland. 2br/2 full baths. View of Gulf, indoor pool and sauna. Perfect location. $82,000. 228-452-2755.

Classifieds Work! Place an ad in The Sea Coast Echo and get results! Call 467-5473 Call today and place your classified ad!

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 2001-421

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of DARLENE ASCANI, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 18th day of December, 2001, and all persons having claim against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date of first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim. This the 28th day of Decemberer, 2001
DAWN GENTER
Executrix
Harry B. Ward, Atty
BSL, MS
12/30/01; 01/06, 01/13/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
MARY S. SMITH, PAMELA SMITH and DON SMITH PLAINTIFFS
VERSUS
THE HEIRS AT LAW OF ALBERT SMITH, JR., DECEASED DEFENDANTS
NO. 2001-912
RULE 81 SUMMONS
(Summons By Publication)
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
TO: The heirs at law of Albert Smith, Deceased
You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court in the matter of a certain child with the Plaintiff seeking a court judgment. There are Defendants other than you in this action.
You are summoned to appear and defend against said Complaint to Determine Heirship at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 11th day of February, 2002, in the Chancery Courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi (Highway 90 Courtroom), and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 27 day of December, 2001.
(Seal)
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
BY: Pamela Cuevas
DEPUTY CLERK
12/30/01; 01/06, 01/13/02

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., January 22, 2002, and shortly thereafter publicly opened for providing Dense-Grade Crushed Limestone to Hancock County for a period beginning at the date of acceptance of said bids, until December 31, 2002, or until a new bid/contract is accepted.
Bid specifications are available, upon request, from the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 or by calling (228) 467-0172.
All envelopes MUST be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the item bid on and the bid opening date.
All envelopes MUST be stamped file in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's office before 11:00 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 19th day of December, 2001.
(SEAL)
Timothy A. Kellar
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean, D.C.
12/30/01, 1/6/02

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ONE (1) WATER COOLED DIESEL GENERATOR 1800 RPM DIRECT DRIVEN, PRIME POWER 120/240 V.A.C., 1 PHASE 60 HZ. 21 KW, STANDBY GENERATOR (FOR THE REPEATER) FOR HANCOCK COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, to be located on the North end of the County.
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12/30/01, 1/6/02

Public Notices

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, WILL ACCEPT SEALED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING
TERM BIDS ON SUPPLIES FOR WATER UPGRADES IN THE CITY OF WAVELAND C-900 PIPE, FIRE HYDRANTS, MAGA-LUG, ETC
Specifications can be obtained from City Hall, 301 Coleman Ave., Waveland, Mississippi
The Board of Mayor and Aldermen reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids
Sealed bids will be received by the City Purchasing Agent on or before 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 16, 2002 to be opened at 6:30 P.M. at the Board Meeting of the Mayor and Alderman
Bids shall be in a sealed envelope identifying Company name. Envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "Bid Enclosed" and state the item Bid on and the Bid opening date
Raquel LaFontaine
Purchasing Agent
City of Waveland, MS
12/30/01, 01/06/02

PUBLIC NOTICE
30-Day Comment Period/Public Hearing
For the Amendment of The Hancock County Solid Waste Management Plan
In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Non-Hazardous Solid Waste Planning Act of 1991, the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority may periodically update or amend as needed, the County's Solid Waste Management Plan.
A Public Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority (Consisting of the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, and the County jointly) intends to amend its Solid Waste Management Plan. Generally the Plan Amendment addresses
1. Update of data and information on current solid waste management
2. The inclusion of Phillip's Class II Rubbish Facility located on a 13-acre site. The site is located in Section 30 Township 7S Range 16W of State Highway 607.
The Notice is further intended to make the public aware of a 30-day comment period that will begin on January 13, 2002 and continue until February 13, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving written comments from the public concerning the proposed amendment.
The proposed Plan Amendment is available for review at the
Hancock County Courthouse Main Street
Bay St. Louis City Hall, Court Street
Waveland City Hall, Coleman Avenue
City County Library, Ulman Avenue
County Library, Kiln
All written comments should be made to
Hancock County Solid Waste Authority
Attn: Public Comments
P.O. Box 116
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521-0116
Further notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on February 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hancock County Civic Center on 3038 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS, to present the County's Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment and receive verbal comments and questions.
Hancock County Solid Waste Authority
01/06, 01/13/02

NOTICE TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF HANCOCK COUNTY AND ADJOINING COUNTIES
Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Water & Sewer District shall receive bids from financial institutions for the purpose of keeping the District Funds or any part thereof for a period of one year pursuant to Section 27-105-305, Mississippi Code of 1972 and all amendments thereto. Bids are to be delivered to the District office 1113 Hwy. 90 Bay St. Louis or mailed to P.O. Box 2759 Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 on or before the 11th day of January 2002. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Published by Order of the Board of Commissioners of Hancock County Water & Sewer District, Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 28th day of December, 2001.
Eddie Renz, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer
Hancock County Water& Sewer District
01/06, 01/10/02

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
R. E. Bossier has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49 Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, at 1987 Bayside Drive, Biloxi, Harrison County.
The applicant is requesting permission to construct a boathouse and deck. The structures will be constructed adjacent to an existing deck. The proposed boathouse would be 17.9 feet in height and will consist of two boatlifts totaling 847 square feet. The proposed deck would measure 20 feet in length and 10 feet in width and would be constructed adjacent to the existing deck.
The total area of existing and proposed structures is 1,261 square feet. All structures will be linked to land by an existing access pier 4 feet in width and 153 feet in length.
In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317), of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.
Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00 p.m. on the day of January 11, 2002.
12/23, 12/30/01; 01/06/02

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION WITH RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE
The Kiln Water and Fire Protection District intends to file an application for funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The specific elements of the proposed action are as follows:
To construct a wastewater collection facility to serve approximately 794 residences and 43 commercial customers within their service area.
01/06/02

Public Notices

REQUIRED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(UNAUDITED)
From Nonprofit Water Systems
Diamondhead Water and Sewer District
Report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 30, 2001

Receipts	
Water and Sewer Bills	$2,258,657
Hookup charges	$ 336 839
Interest Income	$ 103 449
Loans and Grants	
Sale of Investments	
Other income	$ 71 903
Total receipts	$ 2 770 848
Expenditures	
Salaries	$ 604 911
Board per diem	
Fringe benefits	$186,327
Office supplies	$ 64 526
Utilities	$150 988
Insurance	$131 045
Repairs	$141 447
Contractual services	$ 97 680
Travel and auto	$ 716
Capital outlay	
Equipment	$71 630
Construction	
Construction contracts	
Debt payments	
Principal	$356,986
Interest	$170,523
Purchase of investments	$398,769
Other expenditures	$ 67 533
Total expenditures	$2,443,081
Excess receipts over expenditures	$ 327,767
Beginning	**Ending**
Cash $561,231	$871,159
Investments $1 351,896	$1,750,665
Debits $3 748,490	$3,391,504

I certify to the best of my knowledge this report to be a complete and accurate report of the receipts and expenditures of the Diamondhead Water and Sewer District for the year ending September 28, 2001
In accordance with Section 79-11-197, Miss. Code 1972 (Ann.) and the corporateon's bylaws
The date of the annual meeting was 09/11/01
Thomas McCoy
Chairman Date 10 Dec 01
Residential rated
sewer
$26.15 4,000 gallons
$ 3.25 per 1,000 between 4,000 and 8,000 no additional over 8,000
water
$16.80 4,000 gallons
$ 1.25 per 1,000 gallons over 4,000 gallons
Commercial rates
sewer
$34.00 1,000 gallons
$ 8.25 per 1,000 between 1,000 and 5,000 gallons
$ 5.00 per 1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons
water
$36.20 10,000 gallons
$ 2.00 per 1,000 over 10,000 gallons
The rates have been established in an amount sufficient to produce revenues that will pay for the District's operations, maintenance, debt service, and to provide a reasonable financial cushion for the best interest of the District.
01/06/02

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on the 17th day of August, 2001, Anthony Joseph Bourgeois and Chauntel Bourgeois, executed a certain deed of trust to Harry R. Allen, Trustee, for the benefit of Harrison Finance Co., which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Land Trust Deed Book 649, page 445, and
WHEREAS, on the 17th day of December, 2001, Harrison Finance Co., substituted Byron J. Stockstill as Trustee in and for the above described Deed of Trust and the indebtedness secured thereby in lieu and in place of Harry R. Allen and any other successor Trustee as recorded in said Chancery Clerk's Office in Land Trust Deed Book 669, page 266, and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness Harrison Finance Co. having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees and expenses of sale
NOW THEREFORE I, Byron J. Stockstill, Substituted Trustee in the said Deed of Trust, will on the 29th day of January 2002, offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the East Front Door of the County Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
Lot 22, Deer Park Subdivision. Phase II according to the official plat of said subdivision on file in Plat Book 8, pages 26-28, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee
WITNESS my signature on this the 2nd day of January, 2002.
BYRON J. STOCKSTILL,
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
Prepared by: Williams, Smith & Stockstill
P.O. Drawer 1076
Picayune, MS 39466
(601) 798-2382
01/06, 01/13, 01/20, 01/27/02

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Small tracts or large tracts.
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WANT PRIVACY? You will have it all around in this large 4 bedroom 1 & 2.5 bath home with approx. 1,400 sq.ft. Location is even secluded and only 4 blocks away from the beach. Fresh paint job and a new roof makes this an unbeatable a deal. $65.000 (4B5)

EXTRA LARGE HOME IN A GREW LOCATION. Lot size approx. 100x131. This 3 bedroom 2 bath home is perfect for a new start or beginning. $94,900 (3B1 7)

JUST A HALF BLOCK FROM THE BAY. Vinyl siding, mostly remodeled 8 years new. All appliances stay ceiling fans & a jacuzzi. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with approx. 1, 140 sq.ft. $119,500 (3B16)

WHAT A MAKEOVER! New wiring and plumbing! Charming older home on a quiet paved street. Fenced yard approx. 100x100, formal living room, den/ family kitchen garage and garage door opener plus more. Priced to sell. $89,500 (2B8)

BEAUTIFUL TREE SHADED LOT WITH A LARGE HOME SET TO PERFECTION. This home features: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, approx. 1,679 sq.. ft., handicap adaptable, perfect for a family or retired couple. a $2, 000 carpet allowance. $118,500 (3918)

PRECIOUS 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH COTTAGE with approx. 1,254 sq.ft. Newly carpeted with all new plumbing and Wring. Central heat and air, oversized garage, really nice area. high elevation and close to the Bay. Appliances are new and negotiable. $73,500 (3B14)

GREAT DEAL!! 2 mobile homes on 2 acres. Both need a little work. Perfect for a handy man. Located in to country. Call for details. $19,900(2B7)

BEAUTIFUL, NOW LAKEFRONT HOME OFFERS SPACIOUS OPEN FLOOR PLAN with light carpet and tile, formal living room and great room with fireplace, french doors lead to private deck overlooking the lake inside utility room. Master bath has whirlpool. Very private, at end of the Cul-De-Sac $94,500 (3B5)

Take your Time - Rent While You Shop
Monthly/Weekly Rentals Available!
Rental#: 467-5429 WWW.ASHMAN-MOLLERE.COM

OPEN HOUSE TODAY! 12:00-3:00 - 544 Commagere Street, Bay St. Louis. Come see this neat & clean brick home - 3B/R, 2BA, close to everything. Priced reduced to $99,500. Please bring all offers. (120267)

IMMACULATE HOME IN THE OAKS IN DIAMONDHEAD! Check out this 3B/R 2BA home with a carport and patio area. Great starter or retirement home. Priced to sell. (126024)

REDUCED BY MOTIVATED SELLER! 2000sq. ft. brick 3B/R, 2BA home on large lot near golf course. Living room with fireplace plus big family room. Completely updated kitchen. (123117)

LOVELY HOME in first block from beach. 4B/R, 2BA, formal living & dining rooms. Den plus eat-in kitchen. Well maintained. Nice decor, air conditioned workshop for do it yourselfer. Well priced. (124029)

NEW YEAR'S DEAL! REDUCED! This 2 B/R, 1BA home sits on 2 wonderful lots, has oversized front porch, double carport, high elevation. In area of brand new homes in Jourdan River Shores. Hurry! (122589)

OLD FISHING CAMP ON 3 SECLUDED ACRES with 221 feet on Bayou Talla. Short boat ride to Jourdan River. Call today for directions to property. (123302)

BITE THE BULLET! Buy that gorgeous condo on the beach in Pass Christian! Two bedrooms and 2 full baths with balcony overlooking Gulf of Mexico- sand beaches, etc, (1243 75)

BEACH VIEW FROM REAR OF PROPERTY. Two parcels to include 100' roadfront on Sherman Avenue and 95' roadfront on Elliott. Estate like grounds with massive Oaks. Screened breezeway, adjoining 1 br efficiency. Older estate home w/3 bedrooms sold as is. (126102)

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Entertainment

Diamondhead Dancers



Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove met the Diamondhead Dancers for a chat at the Bay St. Louis Depot during his recent visit to the area. Pictured with him are, from left, Ilene Smith, Shirley Strickland, Charlie Olivier, Carolyn Reeves, Annette Rolfes, Ruth Olivier and Dottie Farley.

St.Louis Brass combines humor and good music

Dispelling the myth that its kind of music is aimed solely at classical music lovers, the Saint Louis Brass Quintet will perform at Arts Under The Dome Saturday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.

These virtuoso performers guarantee an evening of thrilling music and lots of laughs.

The venue is First United Methodist Church in downtown Gulfport at 15th Street and 24th Avenue.

Tickets are $10 adults, $7 students at the door.

This is the second concert in Arts Under The Dome's ninth season.

Remaining concerts are: Feb. 15, Banu Gibson & the New Orleans Hot Jazz; March 9, Flamenco guitarist Ronald Radford; and April 20, Celtic ensemble IONA.

Season tickets for all concerts are available for $28 individuals, $56 families.

The Saint Louis Brass Quintet will start with classical selections and move on to pops and jazz.

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Andrei Codrescu to discuss storytelling and history at N.O. library conference

Author and commentator Andrei Codrescu will present the third Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture entitled, "Whose Story is It Anyway?: Storytelling and History."

The event takes place Saturday, Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. in the Marriott New Orleans Mardi Gras Ballrooms D and E during the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting in New Orleans.

Codrescu looks for the unusual in everyday life, often bringing an outsider's perspective to his writings and musings.

His probing, thought-provoking commentary is regularly featured on National Public Radio's award-winning newsmagazine *All Things Considered*.

Codrescu wrote and starred in *Road Scholar*, a Peabody Award-winning film based on his book of the same name. He also is the editor of *Exquisite Corpse*, a monthly review of books and ideas.

"Casanova in Bohemia," Codrescu's forthcoming historical novel, will be published by The Free Press in February. Based on the last 13 years of Giacomo Casanova's life, the book attempts to rescue Casanova from the image that is currently attached to his name.

Codrescu explores the period of Casanova's life when he wrote his great memoir, "History of my Life," and served as librarian to Count Waldstein at Dux Castle in Bohemia, near Prague. Codrescu will be signing copies of his book following the lecture.

Previous novels by Codrescu, "The Blood Countess" (1995) and "Messiah" (1999), were national bestsellers.

Among his other books are: "The Hole in the Flag: An Exile's Tale of Return and Revolution," about the dramatic collapse of Romania's dictatorship in 1989; "Ay, Cuba: a Socio-Erotic Journey," a travelogue of contemporary Cuba; and "Hail, Babylon: Looking at American Cities."

Codrescu has been named the MacCurdy Distinguished Professor of English at Louisiana State University. He also has received the Big Table Poetry Award, the Towson State University Literature Prize, and the General Electric Foundation Poetry Prize.

He has been awarded National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships for poetry, editing and radio.

The Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture series is delivered each year at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and honors ALA past president Arthur Curley.

Curley served as president of ALA in 1994-1995 and was director of Boston Public Library. The lecture series commemorates his lifelong dedication to the principles of intellectual freedom, public access to information and public advocacy for libraries.

The ALA will welcome more than 10,000 librarians to New Orleans and its Midwinter Meeting, Jan. 18-23.

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre presents the 'Perfect Party'

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre starts the new year off Jan. 18 with the first of five performances of "The Perfect Party."

The charming comedy, a long-running Broadway success written by "Sylvia" and Love Letters" author A.R. Gurney, is being directed by Becky Rotundo.

Performances at the BLT Playhouse at 301 Boardman Avenue, are scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18 and 19 and Jan 25 and 26. A special matinees is scheduled Sunday, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. Admission is $9 for adults and $7 for students.

The cast includes Martin Booda, Sandy Higdon, Lennie Scardino, Sally Weber and LaDonna Darrah.

In "The Perfect Party, Tony, the quintessential WASP, has given up his American Literature professorship to stage the party to end all parties, inviting people from all walks of life. The party falls apart but is resurrected in a free-for-all, something less than perfect but vital and rewarding.

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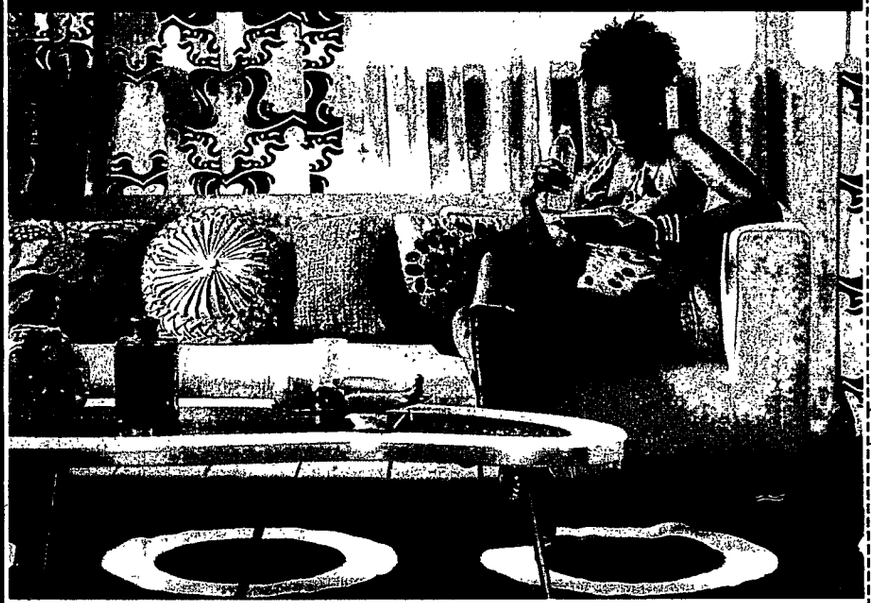
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The all-natural ingredients in these new apple cider vinegar capsules can also play an important role in stopping the development of new fat cells. They actually reverse the weight gaining process by causing existing fat cells to open up and drain off ugly body fat. The drained fat is then transported to the muscles where it can be burned off. This makes it possible to virtually eliminate fat deposits on the stomach, butt and thighs in a very brief period of time.



Frequently Asked Questions:

How Do the Apple Cider Vinegar Capsules Work?

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Why Am I Losing Weight?

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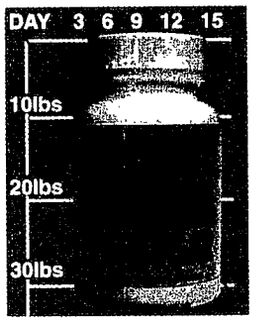
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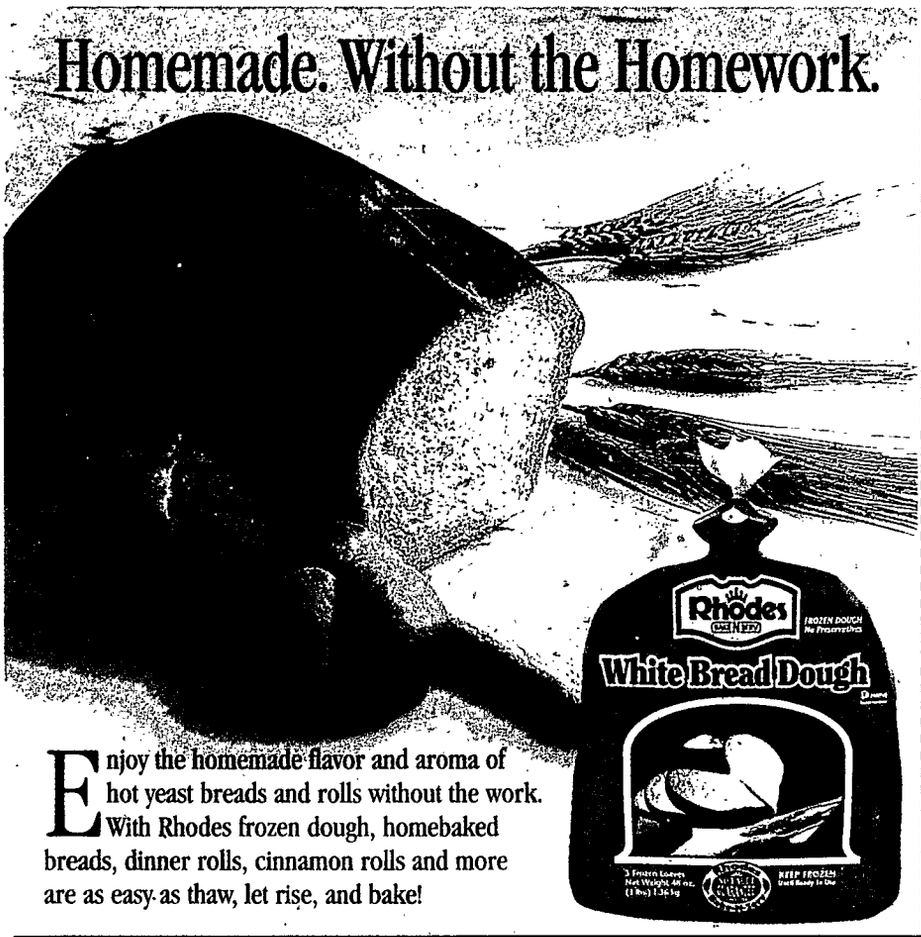
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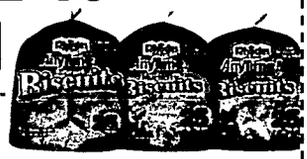
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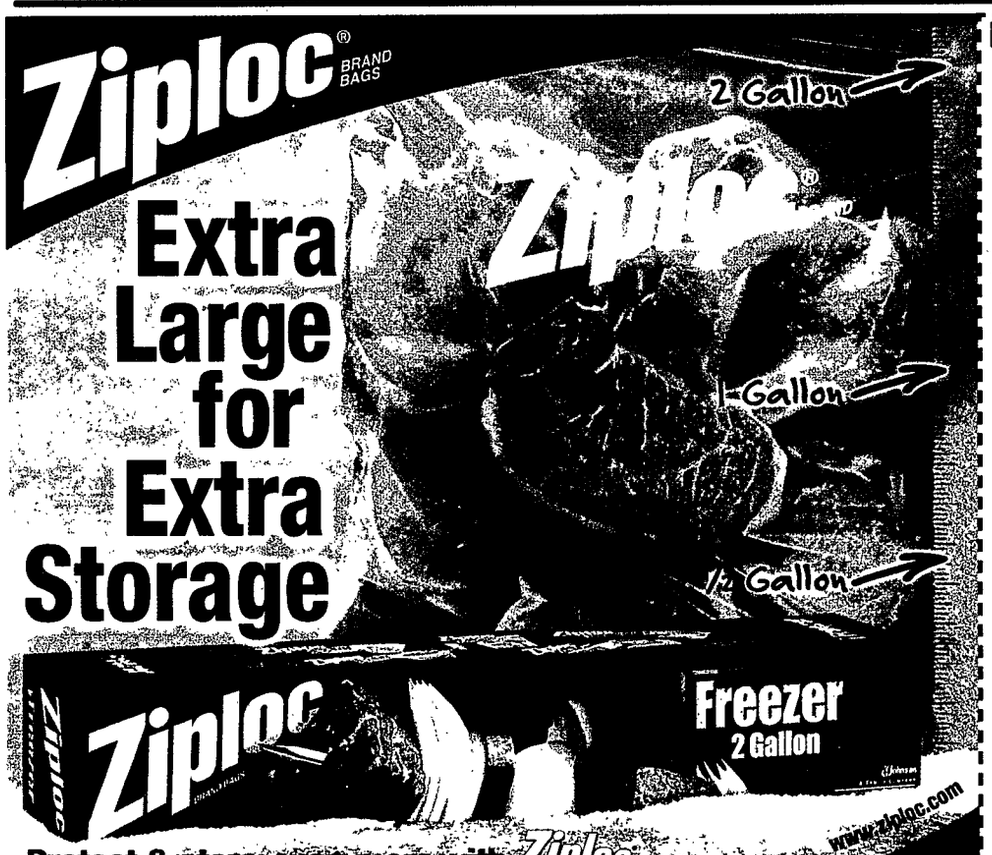
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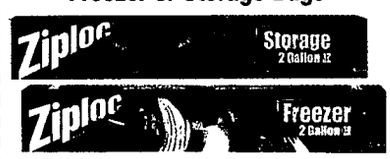
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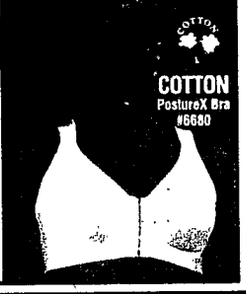
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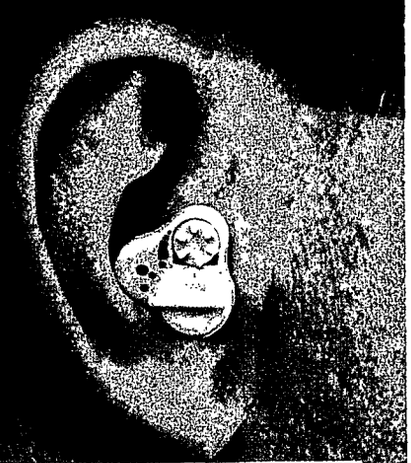


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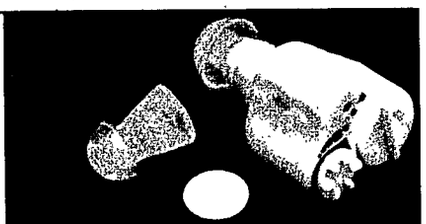
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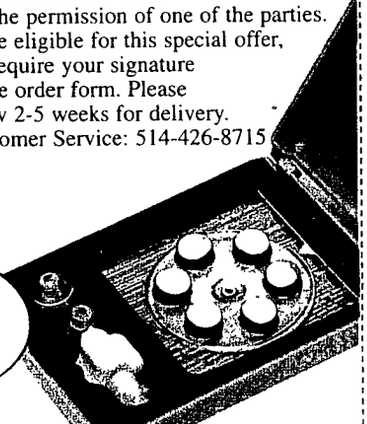
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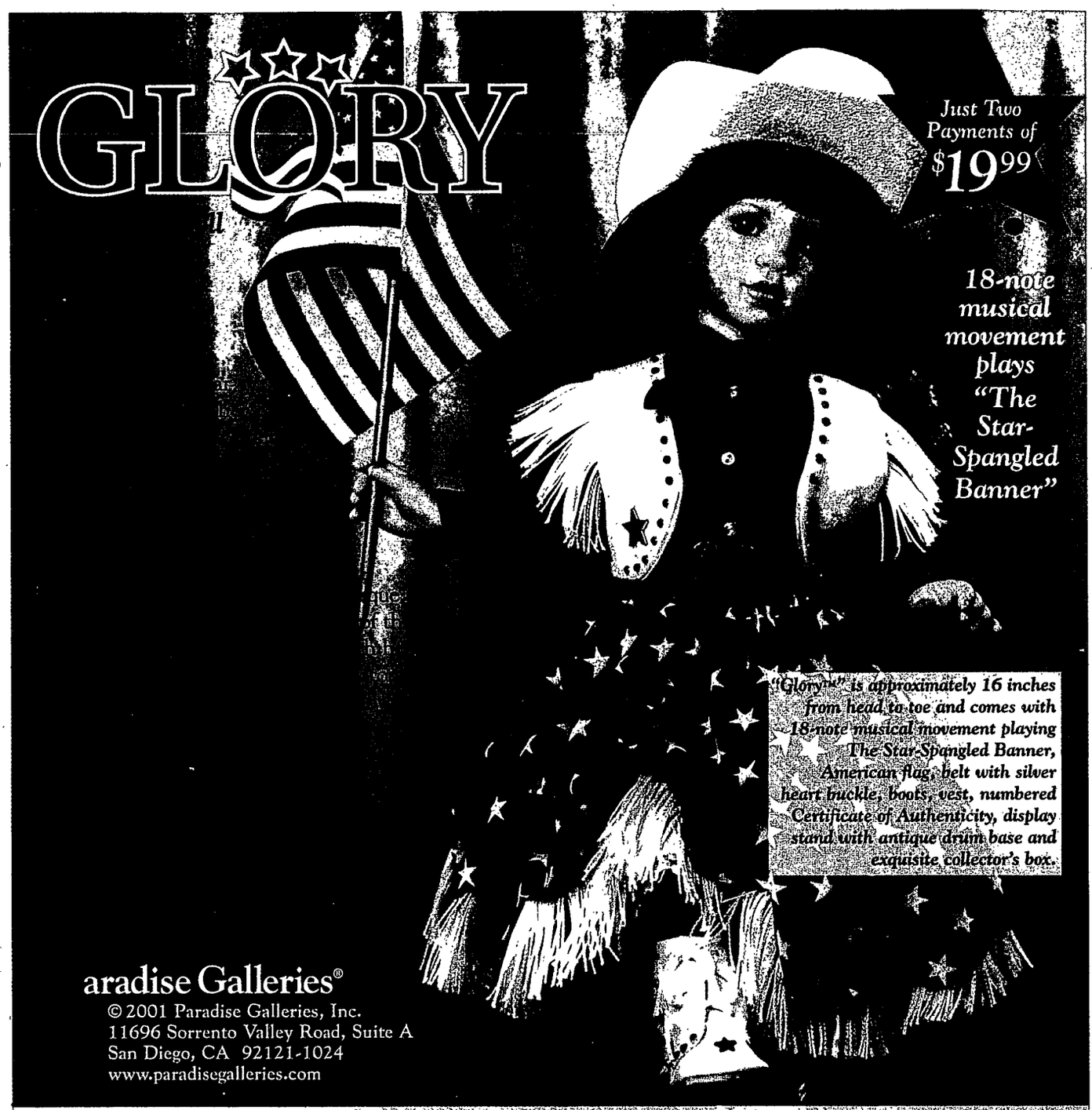
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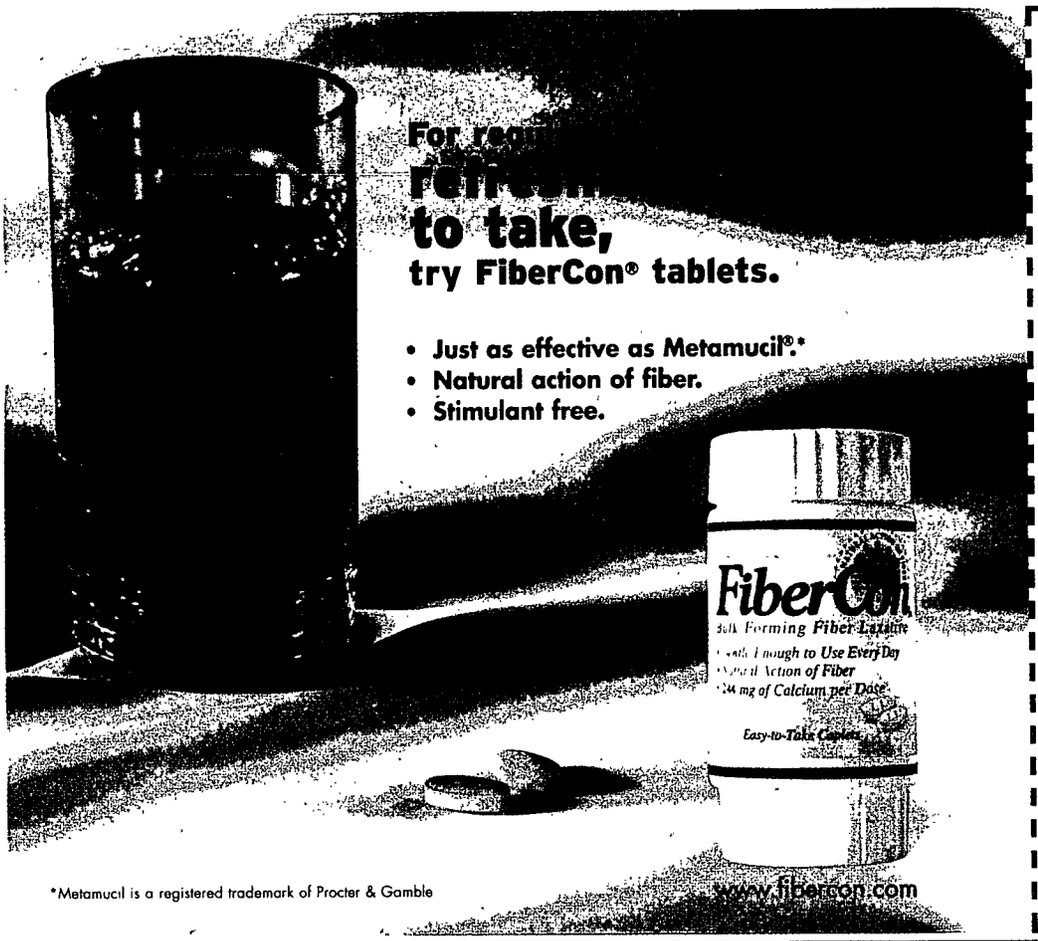
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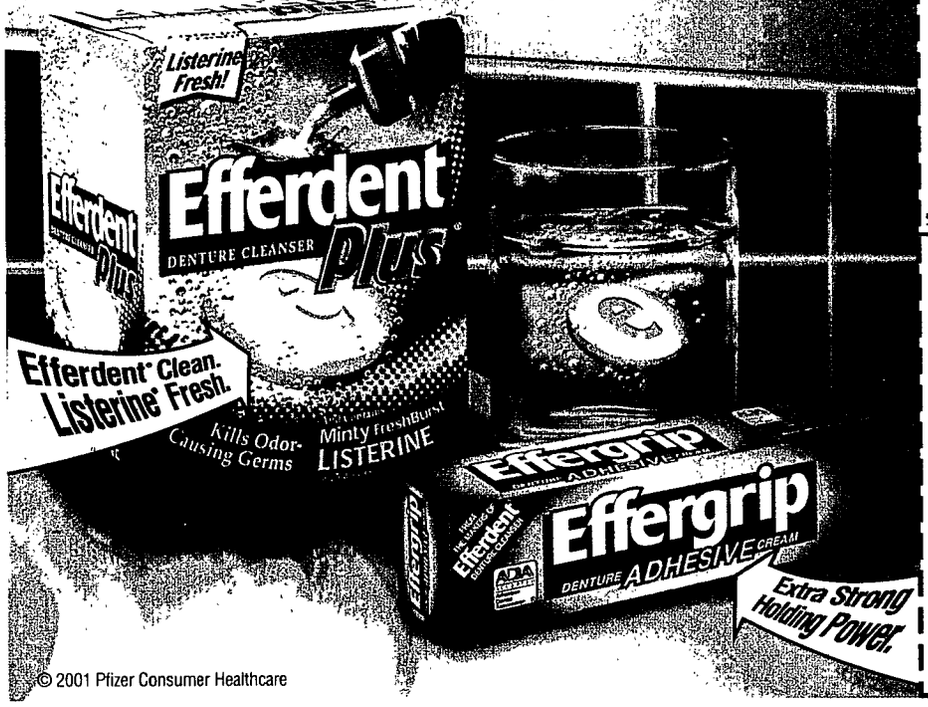
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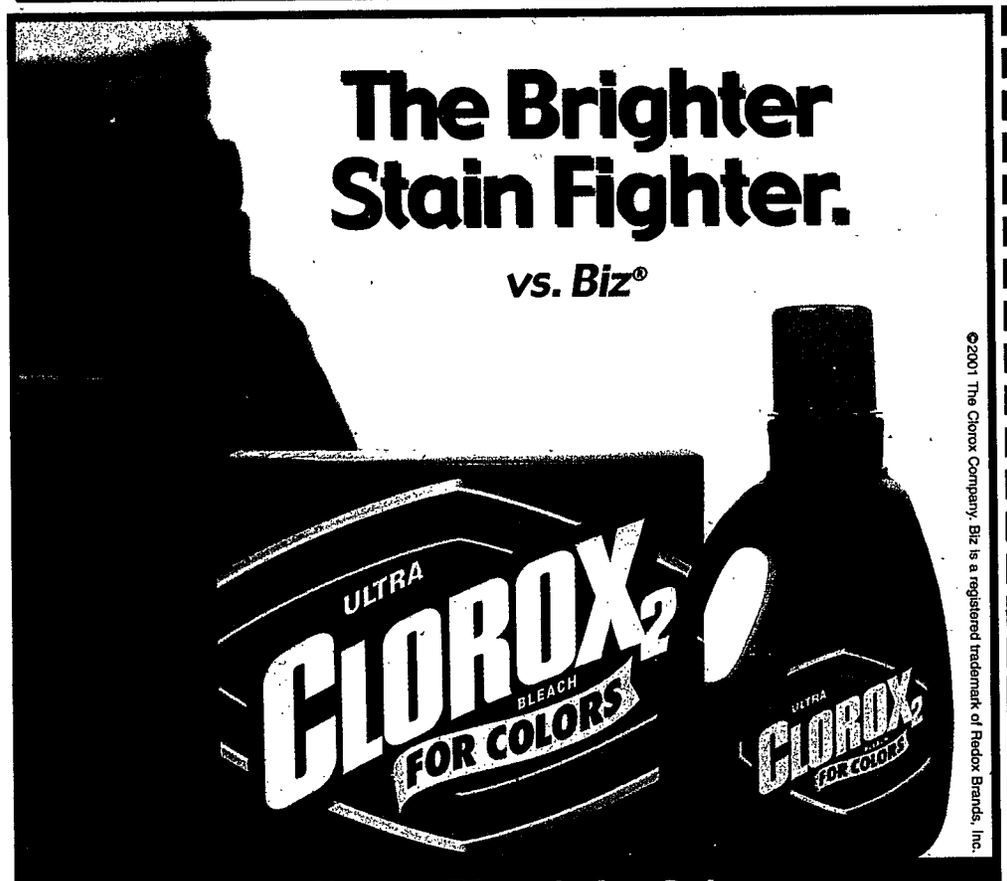
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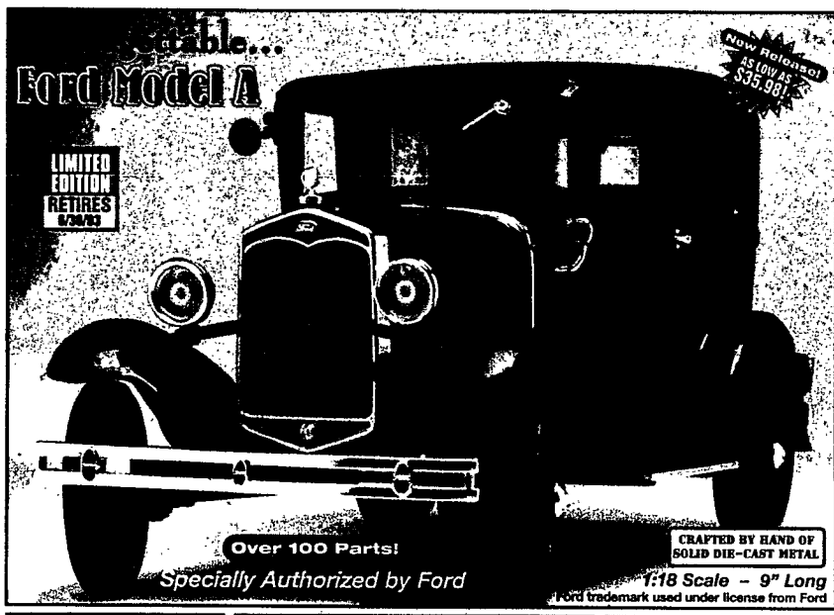
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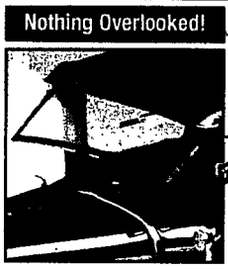


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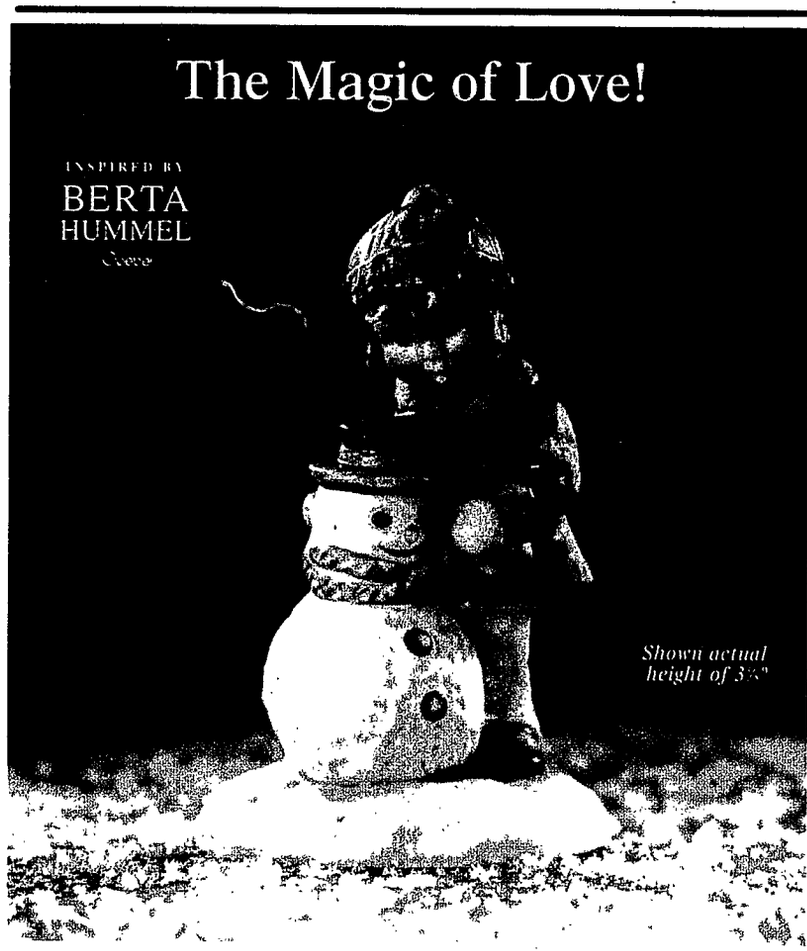
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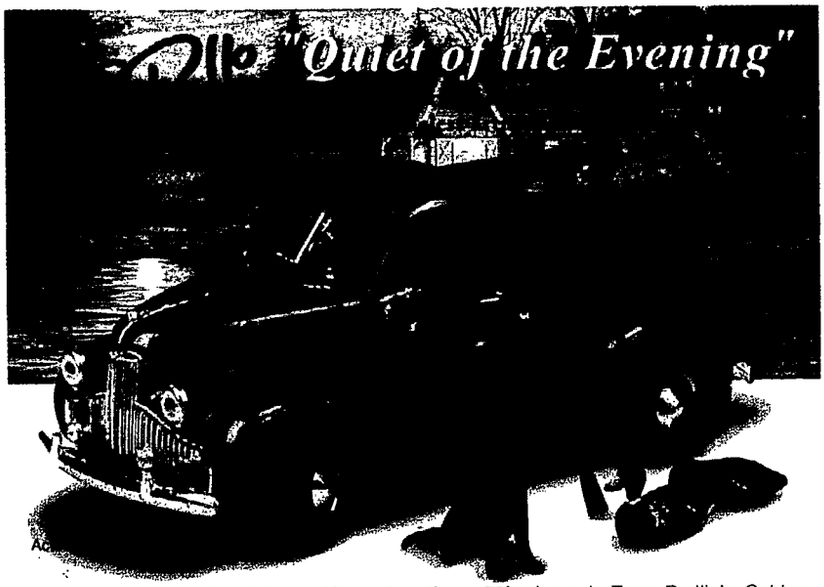
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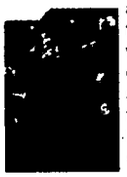
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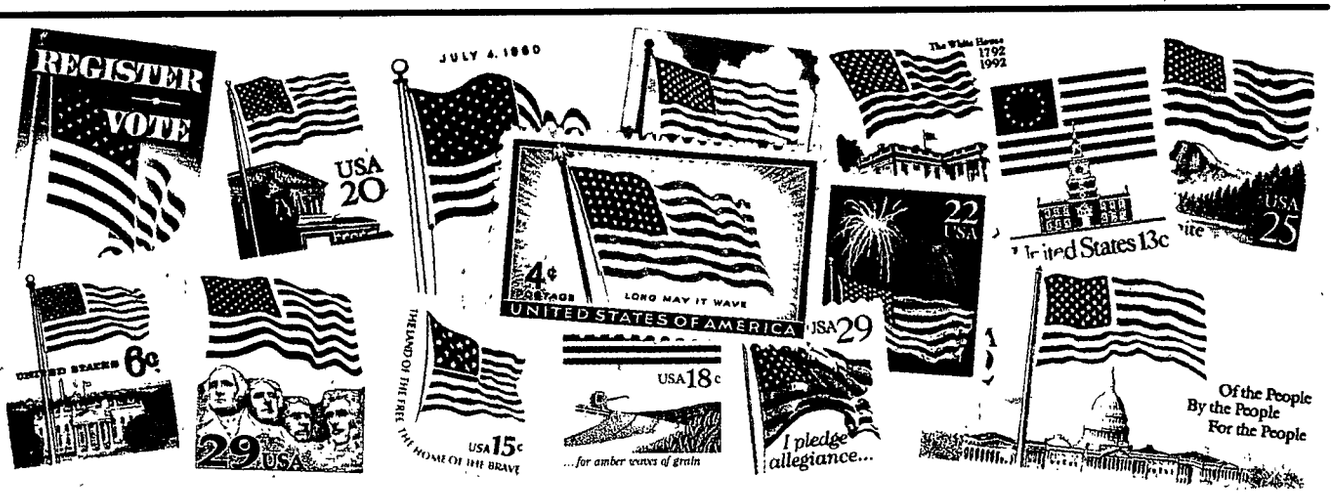
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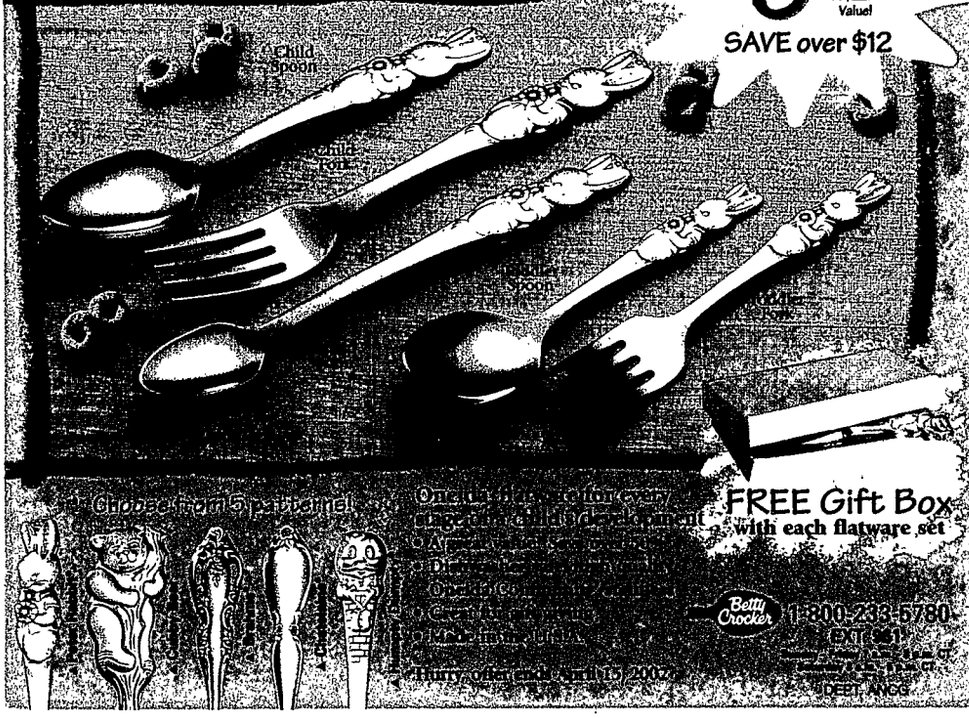
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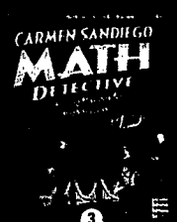
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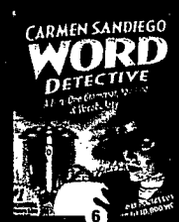
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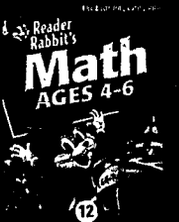
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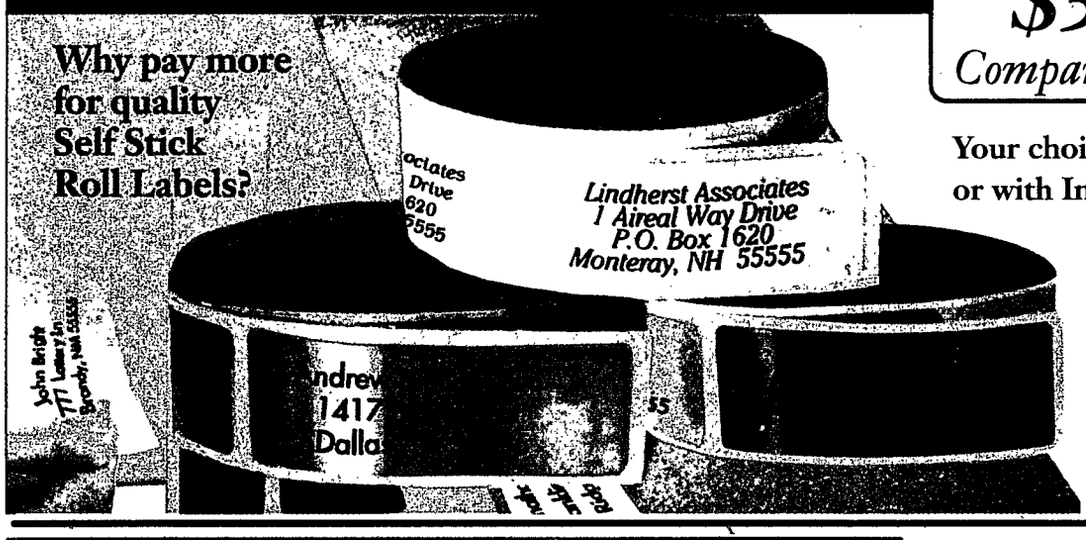
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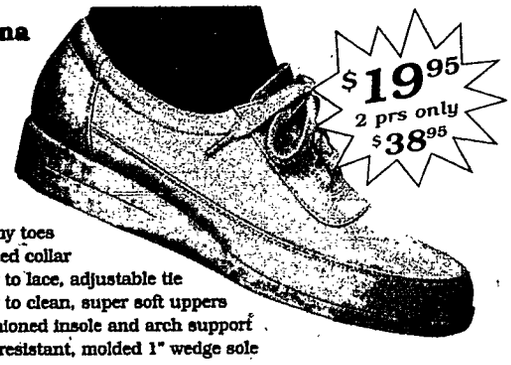
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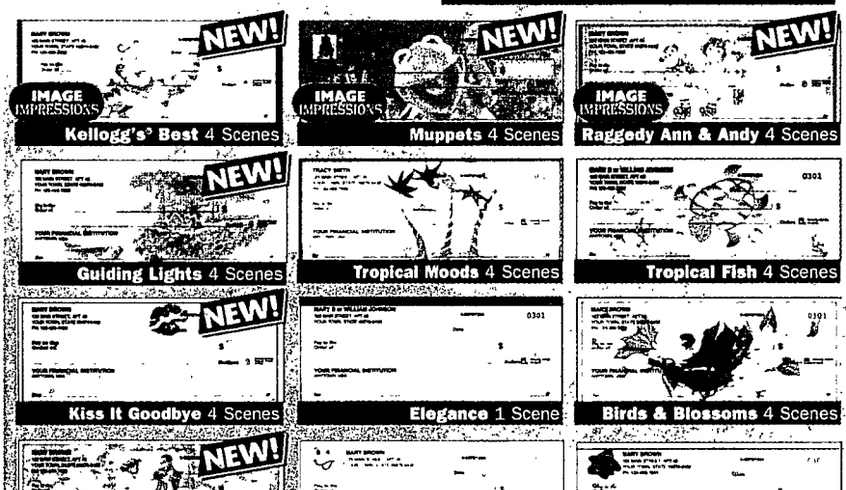
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In 1994, he was awarded the Guardian of Free Enterprise Award by the National Federation of Independent Businesses and was a recipient of the 2001 Award for Distinguished Service presented by Chief Justice Edwin Lloyd Pittman of the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Judge Mills is a Fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation and a member of the American Bar Association. He has practiced before the United States Supreme Court, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals and all Mississippi state and federal courts.

Judge Mills is a published author and is co-author of *Judicial Independence in Mississippi*. His short story, *There's Pow'r in the Blood*, recently received top-four honors in the 2001 Tallahatchie Riverfest William Faulkner Writing Competition.

Judge Mills was confirmed by the United States Senate as U. S. District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi on Oct. 11, 2001.

Giving the invocation for this special meeting will be Bishop Thomas J. Rodi. All friends and members of the Bar Associations are invited to attend.

Public Notice

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Hancock Medical Center on February 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd , 2002. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a Public Information Interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

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Indicted judge steps down while charges are pending

A Harrison County Chancery Court Judge who is charged with embezzlement is stepping down from the bench until those charges are settled.

Judge Wes Teel says he's removing himself from the bench so that people can maintain confidence in the courts.

"I don't want any person to feel uncomfortable with me hearing his or her case," Teel said.

Teel was indicted on 13 counts of embezzlement in December after the state conducted an eight-month state investigation of his travel and office expenses. The indictment alleges that Teel inappropriately received about $3,700 worth of goods and services.

Harrison County Senior Chancellor J.N. Randall Jr. and Chancery Judge Tom Teel – Wes Teel's brother – paid back thousands of dollars in mileage and meal expenses and agreed to resign to avoid prosecution.

The decision by Wes Teel to step down is a reversal of an earlier plan to remain on the bench while he fought the charges.

St. Paul Carnival fund-raising events

The St. Paul Carnival Association team of Monica Ladner-Wittmann and Robbie Bentz is sponsoring the following upcoming events:

• Kids Masquerade Party on Friday, Jan. 25 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the school gym. Costume contest, D.J./dancing, raffle, food and games. Admission $3.

• Classic Car Show/Mardi Gras Cruise on Saturday, Jan. 26 beginning at 10 a.m. on the school grounds. Food, fun, prizes and classic cars. For information, call Kevin at 255-2997.

Gulf Coast Writers Assn. meets

The Gulf Coast Writers Association will conduct its general meeting Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Crossroads Mall, Gulfport.

Stan Tiner, vice president and executive editor of The Sun Herald, will be the guest speaker. All are welcome.

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Stingrays try-outs Saturday

The Mississippi Stingrays professional football team is having try-outs for their 2002 season Saturday, Jan. 26. The tryouts will be for all positions, and players will be tested on speed, agility and specialized talents.

Tryouts will be on the grounds of A-1 Trade World, Menge Avenue at I-10 in Pass Christian. Registration begins promptly at 10 a.m. Registration fee is $20. The public is welcome to view the tryouts. Refreshments are available. A new coaching staff will be introduced: Glenn Blaize, head coach; Rick Rotundo, defensive coordinator; and Gerald (Freightrain) Bryant, offensive coordinator. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Board

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A third candidate, registered nurse Lisa Yarborough Cooksey, had met the qualification deadline, but announced yesterday she would no longer seek the office. Cooksey is the daughter of former Bay-Waveland school board member Gary Yarborough.

Hawkins is currently the pastor of the New St. Peter's Church in Clay County. He said yesterday that he is seeking the school board seat he feels there has been unfairness toward some of the students in the recent past, and he feels the school board needs to be more active in ensuring equity and fairness for all students.

"It's not a black and white thing," Hawkins said. "I just believe in justice."

Hawkins said he is "very active" in the Waveland community in addition to his pastoral duties. He is married, with four children.

Allen, originally from Pensacola, was assigned to Stennis Space Center in 1990. He and his family moved to Bay St. Louis at that time, then to Waveland in 1994. After retiring from the Navy in 1997, he sailed around the world and published the book *Crew* about his experiences in 2001.

He is running for the school board seat, he said, "because I think it's important and I think I can do a good job. ... I think we can do better than we are. If you look at accreditation and compare Bay St. Louis and Waveland – they're a whole accreditation point higher than we are."

Board member Dr. Barbara Boston's term also expires this month. Her position will be filled by a permanent appointment by Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, rather than by election.

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$5,551,521.76 for construction of the expansion, and engineer Duke Levy has been paid $1,136,108 for planning, design and supervisory services.

In other business: Board member Gerald Gex has stepped down, and county Supervisor Rock Pullman will replace him on the board. Southern Regional board attorney Lucien Gex has retired from his position and will be replaced by attorney Ronnie Artigues.

Artigues will also serve in place of Gerald Gex as attorney for the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

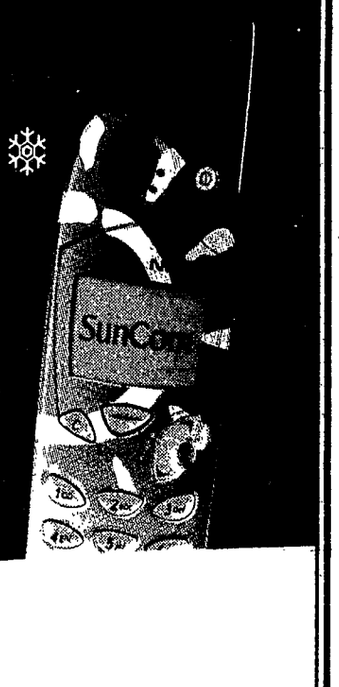
Board members passed a motion requiring Max Foote Construction to install its own electric pole as originally stated in their contract.

The construction company had been using electricity from Southern Regional, but bills showed a larger increase than expected. Southern Regional will monitor future bills from the company and requests reimbursement for past electricity costs.

Administrator Bill Glover brought up the issue of alarm systems at the plant, which he considers inadequate. Glover said that a power outage on Christmas Day caused the aeration system at the plant to be down for about 10 hours, causing a biological upset in the treatment process.

The outage was not discovered until the next day. A proper alarm system would prevent such problems, Glover said.

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Lighting -- supers

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Beach Boulevard.

Plans were to install the high-pressure sodium lights stretching from the vicinity of the Garfield-Ladner Pier in Waveland, all the way to Washington Street in Bay St. Louis, and to increase the number of lights from 54 to 73.

The project was halted in August after Mississippi Power crews erected about five demonstration lights on higher poles with arms extending the lighting to reflect on the two-lane Beach Boulevard and into the Bay of St. Louis.

Edna Koptyra told supervisors she came to Tuesday's meeting because an article she read in the Echo led her to believe there would be a public hearing on the lighting issue.

County Attorney Ronnie Artigues Jr., told her no public hearing was scheduled, but supervisors, in their last meeting, asked members of the newly-formed Bay-Waveland Beachfront Association to poll their members and come up with a consensus on the lighting project by the Board's Feb. 4 meeting.

Koptyra told supervisors she and her husband walk the recently constructed beach pathway almost nightly and the glare from the lights prevents them from seeing any of the stars in the sky.

"You can't see any sky at all," Koptyra's friend, Jeannie Martin, added.

District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner grew frustrated as the debate continued. "I get calls from people who want the lights and from others who don't want them," said Ladner.

Nan Ehrbright, former Hancock County reporter for the Sun Herald, was in the audience with her husband, Dick.

She reminded supervisors, ""That pathway wasn't just built for beachfront property owners."

Ehrbright said she was also against the new lighting, but she added supervisors need to get input from all citizens on the lighting issue.

After initial complaints, District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand got electrical crews to aim the demonstration lights near Coleman Avenue onto the roadway rather than onto the water, but others expressed fears the brighter lighting would turn the 25-mile-per-hour two-lane roadway into a drag strip at night.

"I have no opinion (on the lights) I just want some consensus," said Cowand.

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour also sought closure. He said he hoped the board will make some kind of decision at its Feb. 4 meeting.

The board's second meeting of the year was a busy one interrupted briefly three times when supervisors went into executive session to discuss "personnel issues."

In other action:

• Artigues told supervisors developers of the Mint Julep Air Park near the White Cypress Community have agreed to pay a $1,000 fine for beginning construction of a home before receiving final subdivision approval from the county Planning and Zoning Commission. Last month, the commission granted the development final approval, but refused to levy the fine suggested by the board.

The board voted to give final approval to the subdivision after developers pay the fine and it is deposited in the county's general fund.

• Pullman nominated Bryon Griffith, deputy director of the Gulf of Mexico Program, to the Board of Directors of Hancock Medical Center, and the motion passed unanimously. Griffith will serve out the unexpired term of the late Rev. Charles Johnson.

• A representative of the Mississippi Manufactured Housing Association had a court reporter stationed at the Board meeting because she thought supervisors might take action on plans to ban trailers in areas of the county zoned "R-2, Single-Family Residential."

The ban, approved by the Planning Commission by a 3-0 vote after a January public hearing, would apply only to a small section of Hancock County. It would bar any additional trailers in Shoreline Park on both sides of state Hwy. 603, in Bayside Park off U.S. Hwy.90, in Clermont Harbor and Heron Bay and in a small area of Washington and Chapman Streets. Trailers already on lots would be allowed to stay there and owners would be allowed to upgrade them.

Willie Gavney, the county's chief building inspector and zoning enforcement official, came before supervisors with the official transcript of the January hearing, and all the information leading up to the decision.

The Mississippi Manufactured Housing Association has already filed notice it will appeal the decision in Circuit Court if supervisors uphold the ban.

The board set a public hearing on the issue for 3 p.m. Monday, March 4.

• Supervisors reluctantly gave approval to the Sheriff's Department for a $20,000 advance in capital outlay funds set aside in the current budget.

Ronnie Cuevas, chief assistant to Sheriff Steve Garber, told supervisors the department needed the money now in order to purchase vehicles coming up at state auction.

• Supervisors also approved a lease agreement for the sheriff's department's plans to locate a vehicle repair shop on Easterbrook Street after Artigues signs off on it.

Cuevas said the city of Bay St. Louis has issued the department an occupancy permit, but the department will not be allowed to use the premises for painting vehicles because of safety laws.

• Mike Haas, Sr. informed the Board the Kiln Water and Fire District recently voted unanimously to increase its per diem for serving on the District to $40. The pay would be limited to 18 meetings a year.

• Cowand informed fellow supervisors the Mississippi Department of Transportation has agreed to her request to reinstall flashing yellow lights near the western end of the Bay bridge to alert motorists they are approaching a signal light as they come off the bridge.

• Supervisors also passed a resolution opposing a 10 percent rate increase by Mediacom, the county's cable provider, which goes into effect Feb. 2. They will send the resolution on to the state Public Service Commission, and asked Artigues to look into the company's franchise agreement with the county.

• Supervisors also took under advisement bids to construct another bath house at McLeod Water Park.

• Before adjourning, supervisors declared Mardi Gras Day, Feb. 12, and Monday, Feb. 18, President's Day, county holidays.

Court

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removal of some trees and shrubs, and the landscaping plan was to be presented today to members of the Hancock County Historical Society.

He said all parties involved in the interior renovations that will take place inside the courthouse have signed off on the final plan of action.

Wikoff noted the recent fire which destroyed the historic courthouse in Plaquemines Parish, and said he plans to ask for prices on what it would cost to install a sprinkler system throughout the three-story structure, but it would not be part of the base bid package.

He said the base bid does call for installation of fire and smoke alarms, however.

Wikoff said he did not see problems from a historical standpoint with plans to remove some trees from the front of the courthouse lawn. He said the root systems of a live oak and a magnolia were intruding into the courthouse steps. Plans call for replacing them with identical, smaller trees, he said. Crepe Myrtles and shrubbery lining the center sidewalk would also be removed, and could be made available to Master Gardeners to replant at the Civic Center, he said.

The entire front courthouse lawn would be newly landscaped, he said.

Wikoff said the plans to provide angle parking along Cue and Gex Streets would also require the removal of a dead sycamore on Gex Street and one tree on Cue Street. Supervisors voted to advertise for bids on the project March 3 and to open bids April 1.

The Board has approximately $1.2 set aside to install handicapped ramps at both the front and rear entrances of the courthouse, and to install an elevator in the rear. Bathrooms throughout the building will also meet standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Plans are to also renovate the upstairs Circuit Court chambers and the Board's meeting room, and to rearrange other offices located in the courthouse.

The renovation package went through several changes before reaching the stage where it could actually be put out to bid because judges, county officials, the state Division of Archives and History and federal officials had to sign off on any suggested changes.

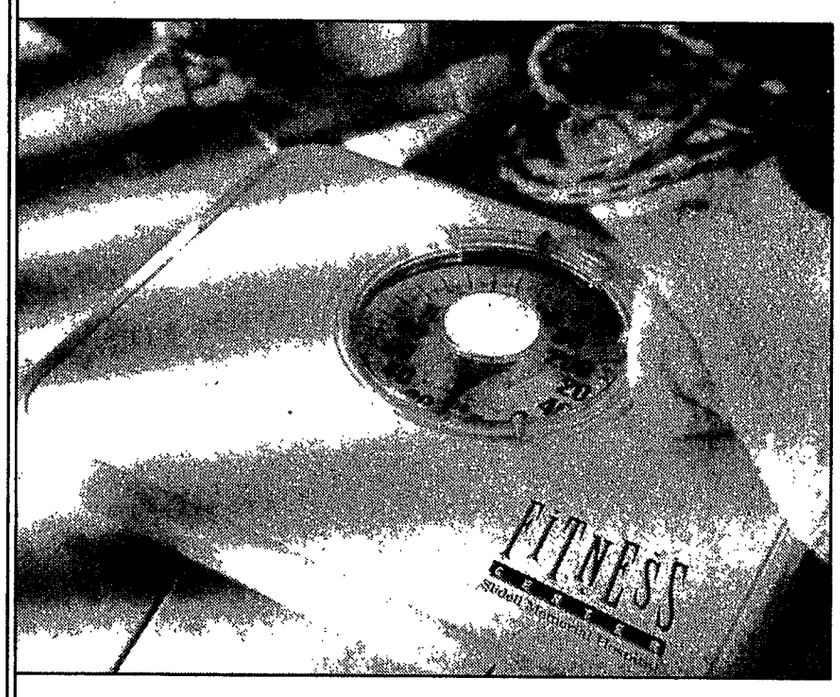
Wikoff told the Echo he was hopeful the base bid would come in below the money available. He estimates the basic renovation plans would come in between $750,000 and $850,000. Once the renovation gets underway, supervisors and the Circuit Court will have to find temporary quarters to meet, and Wikoff said he and county attorney Ronnie Artigues Jr., are making arrangements. Wikoff said the county competed for some state funds available to restore historic buildings, but was turned down in this funding cycle.

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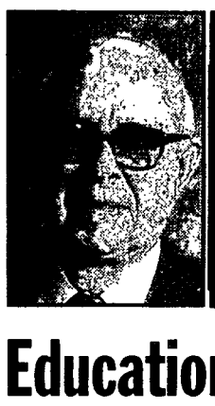
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OPINION



Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Education in our area has improved greatly in 50 years

What a difference 50 years have made in local public school education.

In doing my research for the weekly Echo Archives, I came across some very interesting stories and contrasts to things which are happening today.

In January, 1952, Bay High had a PTA membership of 206. Now one must remember, Bay High was from first through 12th grades, while at the same time Valena C. Jones also had first through 12th grades in Bay St. Louis.

I have a feeling that today it would be hard stretched to come up with 206 members in PTAs of all of the combined schools in the Bay-Waveland School District. I do not have the figures, but I am sure the student population has double numerous times.

Today there are only a very few parents who are involved in school activities in comparison to 50 years ago.

For sure, hats off to parents who do dedicate their time and energy as volunteers in our school systems.

Education is a team effort, and parents play a very important role enlightening and developing the minds of their young.

Problems for Mississippi in education, as in the other 49 states, is a continuing challenge for our elected leaders. There were problems 50 years ago, and they are still around.

Problems are solved and others surface and some reappear.

Most important of all, quality education is a must for our youth of today, the leaders of tomorrow.

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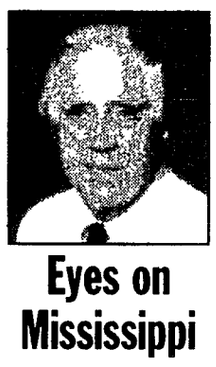
It is time to get your 'walking shoes' out, as Mardi Gras parades begin on Saturday, Jan. 26 in Diamondhead when the Krewe of Selene rolls. A relatively new krewe, Selene began in 1996 and is an all-female krewe with a total of 22 units.

The parade is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. from the beginning of Diamondhead Drive near the Interstate, passes the Diamondhead Plaza Shopping Center on to Golf Club Drive to the Diamondhead Country Club.

Until Mardi Gras Day, Tuesday, Feb. 12, there will be lots of parades coming our way .

We will be keeping you advised as the parade days near.

Why are federal judges jumping into state's redistricting process?



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

Wasn't this supposed to be the pro-states' rights federal judiciary led by Chief Justice William Rehnquist? If so, how come a three-judge federal panel down here is trying to trump a state court-adopted plan for Mississippi's new Congressional districts?

No jurisdiction, state nor federal, has ruled that the plan drawn by Hinds County Chancery Judge Patricia Wise is unconstitutional. So why are the federal judges jumping into the state's redistricting process?

There had been a lot of talk about partisan politics being involved when redistricting was batted around the Mississippi Legislature in November, and again when Judge Wise on Dec. 21 adopted a plan submitted by Democratic plaintiffs as fairer than one proposed by Republicans.

Now, political partisanship seems to have moved to a higher level – the federal court, which, in the ideal world, is supposed to be immune from politics.

One does not have to be blessed with a supersensitive olfactory system to detect the odor of politics when three judges appointed during the Reagan-Bush Republican regime have done what the Mississippi GOP wants – grab control of the state's redistricting process.

Sure, we can all put the blame for Mississippi's redistricting mess back on the state Legislature, where it all started. Lawmakers failed to act, proving again that we may not be ready for self-government down here.

Among state Legislatures in the South, so far Texas is the only other state where lawmakers failed to act on redistricting and punted to the state court.

Legislatures in Florida and Alabama are still wrestling with redistricting, but the rest of the South has put it behind them.

Although the three-judge panel here has set January 28 to take up the restricting case, it would have to back down if the U.S. Justice Department meantime preclears Judge Wise's plan under the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

By that time it will been in Justice's hands for a solid month, normally time for it to act.

Here again, backdoor politics emanating from Republican sources could very well come into play, completely unseen, you understand.

It's easy to imagine a scenario in which Sen. Trent

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Decriminalize marijuana to fight drug abuse, violence

Dear Editor,

The work of the Hancock County Narcotics Division is no doubt well-intended, but ultimately counterproductive.

Attempts to limit the supply of illegal drugs while demand remains constant only increases the profitability of drug trafficking.

In terms of addictive drugs like heroin, a rise in street prices leads desperate addicts to increase criminal activity to feed desperate habits. The drug war doesn't fight crime, it fuels crime.

The drug war's burden on taxpayers gets higher every year as ever more drug users and dealers are imprisoned. America now has the highest incarceration rate in the world.

Yet drug use continues unabated as new dealers immediately step in to reap inflated black market profits. And let's not kid ourselves about protecting children.

Illegal drug dealers don't ID for age, but they do recruit minors immune to adult sentences.

Taxing and regulating marijuana, the most popular illicit drug, is a cost-effective alternative to the $50 billion drug war. There is a big difference between condoning marijuana use and protecting children from drugs.

Decriminalization acknowledges the social reality of marijuana use and frees users from the stigma of life-shattering criminal records.

What's really needed is a regulated market with enforceable age controls. Right now kids have an easier time buying pot than beer.

More disturbing is the manner in which marijuana's black market status exposes users to sellers of hard drugs.

Marijuana may be relatively harmless compared to legal alcohol – the plant has never been shown to cause an overdose death – but marijuana prohibition is deadly. As long as marijuana distribution remains in the hands of organized crime, consumers will continue to come into contact with hard drugs like cocaine.

Sincerely,
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Technicalities

By State Auditor Phil Bryant

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Q May a circuit clerk charge a fee for canceling a judgment?

A A circuit clerk may charge a $1 fee for entering a satisfaction of judgment in the judgment rolls under Section 25-7-13(2)(f). (Attorney General's opinion to McLeod dated December 6, 2001)

Q Are county election commissioners entitled to per them when they enter into a contract with a county party executive committee to perform any of their duties?

A No. Performing duties in connection with primary elections does not constitute official duties under Section 23-15-153 or any other statute.

Agreements between county election commissioners and executive committees may contain provisions whereby the executive committee agrees to compensate the election commissioners.

(Attorney General's opinion to Robertson dated October 12, 2001)

Nereids ball filled with 'Music, Music, Music'

The Krewe of Nereids filled the evening of their 36th annual ball with "Music, Music, Music" to delight their audience at the Gulf Coast Coliseum Jan. 19.

Since music has always been the center of this group's frivolity, this year's theme energized the krewe members to perform at their best and provide an uplifting and memorable experience for all.

Following the presentation of the Royal Court of 2001, the evening began with a musical tribute to the many heroes of our country as everyone joined in singing "God Bless America."

The officers of the krewe extended a "Welcome to the Ball," and the gala was underway as the Captain of Nereids entered before a background of fiber optic lighting.

Her brilliant-blue waisted gown was completely covered in blue sequins with a large silver sequined appliqué enhancing the front.

Crystals and seed pearls dropped from the sleeves, accentuated by a band of rhinestones. Her collar of cobalt-blue plumes completed her costume.

The audience was thrilled and completely involved in the fun as the members revealed the diversity of music in all its creative guises.

The ball provided a window to the sounds, textures and dimensions of music as the krewe members demonstrated interpretations of musical selections including disco, Broadway, pop, and big band swing.

The variety of rhythms and dance presentations elated the spectators as well as the entertainers.

Reigning over the festivities were Queen Doris XXXVI, whose identity is never revealed, and King Nereus XXXVI, Craig Foster.

Foster is a resident of Bay St. Louis and is an investment representative at



Queen Doris XXXVI and King Nereus XXXVI

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Pages to the queen were Morgan N. Hansel and Hillary L. Ladner. Pages to the king were Kaitlyn C. Ladner and Kelsey A. Cannon.

Dukes to His Majesty were Messieurs. Theodore C. Mumme IV, Thomas Burleson, Mace Harrison, Brandon H. Slocum, Peter P. Gruzinskas and Victor T. Bazzone, MD.

Queen Doris was truly exquisite in her gown of silver imported French reembroidered lace. The entire gown was heavily embellished with rhinestones and crystals and had a beautiful self-train of identical fabrics. Fringe of seed pearls and crystals accentuated the sleeves, along with a band of rhinestones to accent the magnificent dress.

Her mantel of rich royal blue velvet was trimmed in ermine. Musical notes and a harp of iridescent sequins in the center of the mantel depicted the theme of "Music, Music, Music" to complete Her Majesty's most unique and stunning ensemble. The costume of King Nereus XXXVI matched in design that of the Queen.

Magical musical memories were recalled as the maids and dukes of the royal court of 2002 appeared.

Verdi's "Aida" was represented as the first maid appeared in a red gown adorned with sequined Ethiopian crosses and scarabs

. The self train was embellished with a large scarab appliqué while a Romanesque collar and crystal beaded fringe at the waist enhanced the dress.

Her head piece, depicting the head of a peacock with peacock feathers, was a magnificent complement to her dress.

The lilting joy of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" was apparent in the next maid's delicate costume of purple satin with sequined floral motifs cascading down the sheath.

The flounce of pink and lavender organza petals complemented her exquisite butterfly designed collar. Her jester-style headdress with lavender plumes continued the whimsical air of the theme.

The high energy rhythms of "New York, New York" were easily recalled when this maid arrived in a striking fuchsia gown with deco motifs of black, white and silver sequins scattered over the fitted bodice and skirt.

The emblems continued along a single "bat-winged" style sleeve which adorned with silver metallic tassels. The asymmetrical collar extended the spectacular design as it began at one shoulder and spiraled downward to the opposite side of her train.

The fourth maid in this year's court portrayed the futuristic blending of music and sounds of "2001 Space Odyssey."

She emerged in a dress of silver sequined cloth and bright green satin, heavily adorned with fuchsia and orange space symbols.

The dress was softened by a delicate V neck trimmed in rhinestones. Her unique headpiece of silver sequins and rhinestones was striking as it depicted the path of the planet Saturn.

"The Lion King" maid came forth and brilliantly characterized the mysterious African rhythms made famous by the Broadway production.

Her tribal-inspired costume was black, enhanced with rhinestones and was banded at the waist in zebra. Her towering headdress was adorned with marquis of red, gold and black sequins and was finished with pheasant feathers and red and gold plumage.

Signifying the celebratory sound of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," the last maid appeared in an empire-style gown of red, white and blue stars and stripes that continued from front to back and onto the sweeping train.

Her fabulous collar of red and white stripes had a swag effect and was enhanced with blue and silver stars. It was surrounded by blue plumage and magnificently carried out the patriotic theme.

Each maid and her duke in corresponding costume made a spectacular vision as they paraded around the floor as Nereids' Royal Court of 2002.

The Krewe of Nereids continues their celebration with their Mardi Gras parade Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. on Highway 90 in Waveland.

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Lott picks up the phone and calls Attorney General John Ashcroft, his former Senate Republican colleague, and gets him to stonewall preclearing the state plan.

That, of course, would help Lott's protégé and former staffer, U.S. Rep. Chip Pickering, keep his House seat.

It's also easy to imagine the three Republican-appointed federal judges here designating someone like Republican Andy Taggart, a Jackson attorney and administrative assistant to ex-Gov. Kirk Fordice as special master to draw up a map, since Taggart was on the bi-partisan legal team hired by the Legislature's joint redistricting committee.

For remarks he made at an earlier hearing in the redistricting case implying Judge Wise was party to a "fix" Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Grady Jolly, the senior member of the three-judge panel, should recuse himself and be replaced with a non-Mississippi judge.

Interestingly, in Texas, a lower state court had adopted a pro-Democratic redistricting plan (they gained two seats) but it was thrown out by the state Supreme Court. However a three-judge federal court later adopted an even-more Democratic plan.

Those who rail about a so-called "tornado" plan fail to understand that because of the configuration of the state, with a host of small-population counties, any design to come up with 711,000 people is almost sure to be ugly.

Actually, only three of the four Congressional districts are in play. The other one – the Second (Delta) District – is automatically sealed off as a black majority district by virtue of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

And there's no dispute between opposing sides over constructing it to have a 59 or 60 per cent black voter majority. Further, the Gulf Coast district (presently the 5th district, represented by Democrat Gene Taylor) is realistically also out of play since it meets the population norm with only slight adjustment, and its Southern boundary is already determined by the Gulf of Mexico.

The difficulty, therefore, is how to construct the remaining two districts – each with 711,000 folks – out of the rest of a long, slender state which has only two population centers – first, the Jackson metro area at the center of the state and second, the Memphis area at the top of the state.

As anticipated, the only design that will survive will have a "consolidated" east central-southwest district pitting incumbent Republican Pickering (now the 3rd) and incumbent Democrat Ronnie Shows (now the 4th) against each other.

Republicans don't like it that the plan adopted by Judge Wise sliced up two GOP strongholds, Madison and Rankin counties.

It puts both the Barnett reservoir area of south Madison County, and most of Rankin, into the already-safe First district of Republican Roger Wicker, and leaves only a corner of Rankin for Pickering from his old district.

However, they can't argue with the parity between what Pickering and Shows would bring from their old districts in the overall numbers of the Wise plan. Somehow, in the words of that sage Yogi Berra, one gets the feeling that Mississippi's congressional redistricting won't be over until its over.

Four oyster reefs closed to harvest

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has announced the closing of Area I "B" Conditionally Approved Waters, Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters; Area II "B" Conditionally Approved Waters; and Area II "D" Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, effective Jan. 23 due to the Pearl River stage exceeding the shellfish growing waters management plan criteria.

The following areas will remain closed until further notice,

Area I "B" Conditionally Approved Waters, including St. Joseph's or "St. Joe" Reef;

Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters, including portions of the Henderson Point Reef and northern portions of the Pass Christian Reef;

Area II "B" Conditionally Approved Waters, including the St. Stanislaus Reef and Waveland Reef; and

Area II "D" Conditionally Approved Waters, including the public oyster reefs in St. Louis Bay between the Highway 90 Bridge and the CSX Railroad Bridge.

For more information with respect to the open and closed areas, call the DMR's 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902. Visit DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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RUTH SPEIGHTS
DONNA PEREZ
G. VARNERIN
BEULAH WALLACE

ISABELLE BRELAND

Isabelle Breland, 86, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Breland was a native of Manhattan, Kan.

She was preceded in death by a son, Phillip L. Walters; and her parents, Frank and Etha Del Hankers Churchill.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde Breland of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Irene Tucker of Clovis, N.M.; sisters Lucille Walters and Viola Vampella, both of Sapulph, Okla.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted Friday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. at Way Side Cemetery in Grenada, Miss.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

JAMES COLLINS

James Leonard Collins, 87, of Waveland, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Collins was a native of Clermont Harbor and was a member of Little Zion Baptist Church and of the Heart of Love Society.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Florence Collins; a daughter, Florence Collins; brothers Charlie and William Collins; a granddaughter, Alicia Jordan; and a godson, James Antione.

Survivors include a son, Joseph Leonard Collins of Baton Rouge; daughters Mary Elizabeth Roberts of Bay St. Louis and Florence Sandra Jordan of Waveland; a brother, Andrew Lee Collins Sr. of Waveland; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 26, 10-11 a.m. at Little Zion Baptist Church followed by services and burial in Waveland Cemetery under direction of Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune.

CHARLEY ESTAVE SR.

Charley C. Estave, Sr., 64, of Kiln, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Estave was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Kiln for 24 years. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Angelina Estave; brothers Ernest, Alex, Henry, Justin and Clarence Estave; and a sister, Beulah Pourier.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Lee Estave of Kiln; a son, Charles C. Estave, Jr. of Gulfport; daughters Laura A. Bergeron of Waveland, Tammy Perniciaro of Lakeshore and Sherry Koenenn of Kiln; sisters Angeline Estave of Galveston, Texas, Hazel Halligan of Metairie, Faye Milan of Gretna, Dot Brock of Houston; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

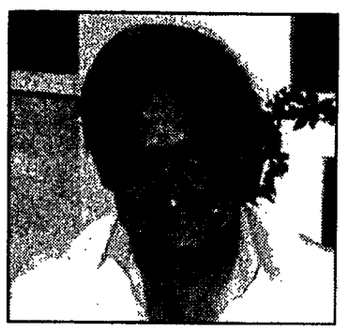
Visitation was Wednesday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services will be conducted today, Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

LEUDENA C. HOLT

Leudena C. Holt, 75, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Holt was a native of Jonesboro, Ark. Survivors include her son, Robert Scovel of Kiln. A private service will be conducted.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.



LLOYD J. LEWIS

Lloyd Jones Lewis, 82, of Stone Mountain, Ga., died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Lewis was a native of Searcy, Ark. and a longtime resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast before moving to Georgia. He was a member of United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis and was a veteran of the United States Navy serving in World War II and saw action in the Pacific Theatre. After he was honorably discharged he went back to Little Rock, Ark. where he served under the governor of Arkansas. As a young man he grew up on a farm and rode a horse to a one-room school house. His love of Jazz led him to Chicago where he played in clubs and met his late wife, Ruth, a dancer. He started a magazine in New Orleans and went to work for the Cornelius Corporation, a soft drink manufacturer. He then started his own manufacturing business of cup dispensers and related items in Bay St. Louis. He then moved his business to Atlanta, Ga. and became a multi-million dollar enterprise known as Modular Engineering Corporation. He also received numerous patents for products he designed. He retired in 1986 but stayed active in numerous organizations in Atlanta and the Gulf Coast. In his retirement he started a garden and landscaping business in Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Ruth Campbell Lewis; his parents, Festus C. and Ida Jones Lewis; a daughter, Anna Mary Lewis; and brothers Irvine D. and Lowell Lewis.

Survivors include sons Barry Lewis of Champaign, Ill. and Jonathan Lewis of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Karen Ann Lewis Snavely of Lilburn, Ga.; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation will be today, Jan. 24, 2-3 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service in the funeral home chapel and interment in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

CHARLES H. LONG

Charles Hampton Long, 74, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Long was a native of St. Louis, Mo. and a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a Baptist, a veteran of the United States Army and a Master Mason for more than 50 years in Bluefield, W.V.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ronald Hampton Long; and his mother, Alice Land Boyd Long.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Penisson Long of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Louise Comb of Salem, Va.; seven stepchildren, 16 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday at Diamondhead Baptist Church.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

R. MCARTHUR SR.

Robert A. McArthur Sr., 49, died Jan. 23, 2002.

Mr. McArthur was born Nov. 28, 1952. Raised in Logtown and Pearlington, he was a graduate of Bay High School and Pearl River Community College. A 30-year resident of Baton Rouge, he was a construction superintendent at numerous industrial plants along the Mississippi River. A gifted sportsman, he fulfilled his love of the outdoors with a lifetime of hunting and fishing. He was preceded in death by his father, Wilbur McArthur; an infant brother, Wilbur McArthur, Jr., and a sister, Cynthia McArthur.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Glenn Morelli, a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Jr. and Yevette McArthur; his mother, Alma McArthur; brothers and sisters Thomas McArthur, Sr., Dorothy Breland, Lynne Frierson and Michael McArthur; and two grandsons.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. in First Southern Baptist Church in Pearlington. Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Logtown Cemetery.

CARL MUELLER JR.

Carl Wilhelm Mueller Jr., 58, of Lizana, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Mueller was a native of Washington, D.C., and moved to the Coast in 1976. He retired after 31 years with the Naval Resource Laboratory at Stennis.

He was an avid hunter and shooting sports enthusiast and was owner and gunsmith at The Gunworks.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Jean Mueller of Lizana; a son, Darryl Mueller of Pass Christian; a daughter, Melissa Hare of Birmingham, Ala.; his mother, Sarah Mueller of Taylor, S.C.; two brothers, David Mueller of Taylor and Peter Mueller of Bourne, Mass.; a sister, Cynthia Smith of Irmo, S.C.; and twin grandsons.

Services were conducted Sunday at Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach.

The family prefers memorials to the NRA or to the Humane Society of South Mississippi-SPCA, 13756 Washington Ave., Gulfport, MS 39503.

WALTER R. SMITH SR.

Walter Ray Smith Sr., 63, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Smith was a native of Meridian and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of Shoreline Park Baptist Church. He was a retired meat market manager with Winn-Dixie.

He was preceded in death by a son, Billy Jack Smith; his parents, Walter and Lois Eunice Avent Smith; a brother, Robert Smith; and a sister, Lena Mae Smith.

Survivors include his wife Barbara J. Smith; four sons, Kennet Ray Smith of Biloxi and Walter Ray Smith of Saucier, and Danny Mark and Douglas Keith Smith, of Bay St. Louis; three daughters, Scharmaine Chappell, Sandra Ard and Dianne Henley, all of Bay St. Louis; six brothers; eight sisters; 19 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

The prayer services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at the Garden of Memory Cemetery, Bay St. Louis.

RUTH SPEIGHTS

Ruth Ezell Speights, 74, of Gulfport, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Speights was born in Jones County and had been a resident of the Gulf Coast since 1957. She was a member of Handsboro Baptist Church in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Speights; her parents, Sidney W. and Lillie Mae Ezell; a granddaughter, Jennifer Moss; and a brother, Howard Ezell.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy L. Poole of Pass Christian; two sons, L. Wayne Tisdale of Gulfport and S. Paul Tisdale of Coldwater; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were conducted Saturday at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial was in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens in Long Beach.

DONNA PEREZ

Donna Claire Herron Perez, 47, of Madisonville, La., died Monday, Jan. 21, 2001.

Mrs. Perez was born in Bay St. Louis, grew up in New Orleans, and lived in Madisonville for the past 13 years. She was a homemaker and former cosmetic manager for D. H. Holmes.

She was graduated from Abramson High School and attended the University of New Orleans. She was a member of Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, John "Bob" Herron.

Survivors include her husband, Louis E. Perez Jr.; daughters Melissa Ann Perez and Carla Maria Perez; her mother, Ruth Noto Herron; sisters Paula Vanney and Jeannette Attaway; and a brother, Michael Herron.

Visitation will be today, Jan. 24, 10 a.m. until noon in Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1501 West Causeway Approach in Mandeville, followed by celebration of a Funeral Mass. Burial will be in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens in Covington. E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave. in Covington is in charge of arrangements.

G. VARNERIN

Gertrude M. Varnerin, 91, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Varnerin was a native of Boston, Mass. and a resident of Dunbar Village in Bay St. Louis since 1999. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis H. Varnerin; her parents, John Joseph and Catherine Alva Fay Mooney; brothers John and Frederick Mooney; and a sister, Grace M. McCarthy.

Survivors include a son, Peter Jeffery Varnerin of Boston; daughters Claire V. Blaney of Buzzards Bay, Mass. and Marilyn Schultz of Waveland; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

BEULAH WALLACE

Beulah Wallace of Long Beach, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Wallace was a native of Wynnewood, Okla. and a longtime resident of McGehee, Ark. before moving to Long Beach three years ago. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Preston Wallace, Sr.; and her parents, Jesse Madison and Priscilla Casen Knox. Survivors include a son, Tom Wallace Jr. and wife Jane of Pass Christian; a sister, Madalyn Hopper of Modesto, Calif.; three grandchildren, Ellen Dodge of Long Beach, Lindsey Wallace of Baton Rouge and Tommy Wallace III of Pass Chirstian; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 25, 10-11 a.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service in the funeral home chapel. Interment will be Saturday in McGehee Cemetery in McGehee, Ark.

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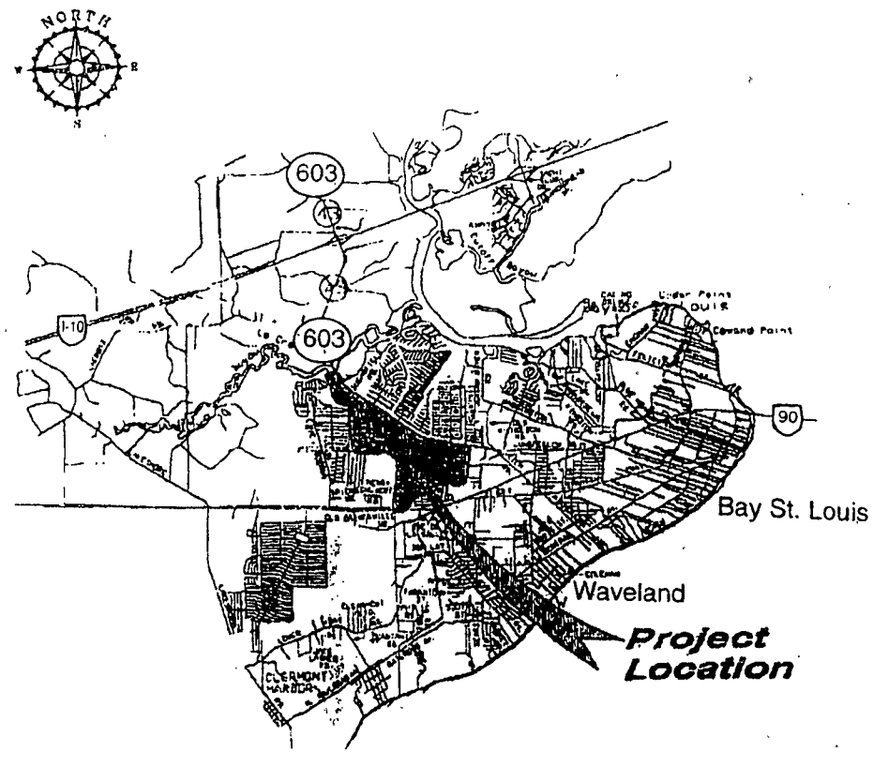
NOTICE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Hancock County Water and Sewer District. The proposed project consists of providing potable water to approximately 1000 residents located in the District service area which is located north of U.S. Highway 90 and along the east and west sides of Highway 603 south of the Jourdan River.

As required by the national Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an Environment Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis for this determination is based on the content of the Environmental Assessment.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed at the Rural Development office located at 132 Mayfair Rd., Hattiesburg MS 39402. For further information, please contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist at 601-261-3293.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below:



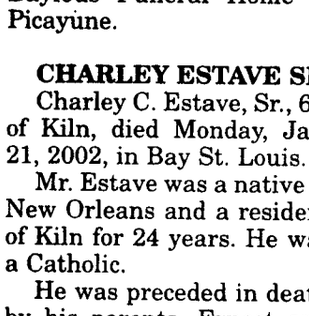
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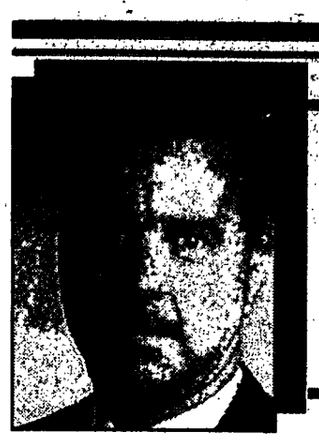


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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
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Bad times to invest can yield good results

Is there ever a "bad time" to invest? A lot of people have thought so, for one reason or another – but they've usually been proved wrong.

Just glance back over the past 20 years. We've had plenty of economic and financial events that probably caused many people to delay investing. But their hesitancy proved expensive. Consider these bits of history:

• Recession – It's the first day of 1982, and we're in the middle of a recession – so you think twice about venturing into the market. But if you put $10,000 in the stocks making up the S&P 500, you will have accumulated more than $190,000 by the end of 2000.

• S&L bailout – It's New Year's Day, 1989, and the government is on the verge of bailing out the savings and loan industry. Grim news for investors, right?

However, if you can overcome your concerns and put $10,000 in the S&P 500, your money will grow to some $63,000 by the end of 2000, when the bailout had become a distant memory.

• Stock "meltdown" – It's Jan. 1, 1995. The investment community is still reeling from 1994, when more than 400 stocks dropped 40 percent, vaporizing billions of dollars of wealth.

Do you really want to jump into the stock market? If so, you won't be sorry – your $10,000 investment in 1995's S&P 500 will grow to more than $31,000 just five years later.

Of course, these results, encouraging as they are, can't be used to predict future market performance after a crisis, real or perceived.

Furthermore, these three events weren't the only supposedly "dark clouds" on the investment horizon over the past two decades. In fact, you probably wouldn't have to look too hard to find a reason not to invest in any given year.

There's always something going on: bad economic news, political instability, energy crises – you name it. But if you delayed investing until conditions were perfect, you'd have a long wait indeed.

You can't control world economic and political events – but you can manage your response to them.

Instead of letting today's headlines dictate your investment decisions, make up your mind to focus on the future.

Instead of aggravating yourself over how this or that event will affect a particular stock, focus on quality.

By building a diversified portfolio of high-quality equities, and holding them for the long term, you'll have a good chance of achieving the type of performance you need to help meet your financial goals.

If there are no "bad times" to invest, are there particularly good times? Yes – and the best time is today.

As an investor, you must put time on your side. The longer you hold your stocks, the greater your potential for growth. Plus, over long periods of time, stock price fluctuations tend to even out.

The next time you're pondering all the reasons you should put off investing, close your eyes and picture yourself in 10 or 20 years, looking back on the year 2001 and shaking your head sadly over lost opportunities. That should be enough of an incentive to spur you into action.

Northrop aligns operations

Northrop Grumman Corporation's (NYSE: NOC) Ship Systems sector announced that it is continuing to align its Gulf Coast shipbuilding facilities. The measures will further improve efficiency and enable the company to more effectively compete for future shipbuilding contracts.

"Under this alignment, all future shipbuilding contracts will be bid and contracted by Ship Systems, rather than by our Avondale or Ingalls operations individually," said Dr. Philip A. Dur, Northrop Grumman corporate vice president and president of the Ship Systems sector.

"We are currently moving work and personnel among all of our shipbuilding facilities on the Gulf Coast in order to achieve maximum efficiency and to optimize our workforce," he said. "We intend to expand this concept and have all our facilities involved in the construction of future ships.

"The proximity of our Gulf Coast facilities provides Ship Systems a significant strategic advantage on which we are currently capitalizing and will continue to enhance," Dr. Dur said.

Northrop Grumman Ship Systems' primary shipbuilding facilities are located in New Orleans, Pascagoula and Gulfport. The sector, which employs 17,000 people, also operates a steel handling facility in Talullah, La.

While Northrop Grumman's recently acquired Newport News shipyard will remain a separate Northrop Grumman sector for the next 18 to 24 months, Dr. Dur said there are many current opportunities for collaboration, synergy and cross-sector savings. Additionally, Ship Systems will collaborate much more closely with other Northrop Grumman sectors where appropriate.

Several teams are working on a detailed implementation plan to be completed this month. Dr. Dur said while some individuals have yet to be named, he expects the sector to be fully restructured by the end of March.

Bailey Lumber acquires 3 stores

Bailey Lumber & Supply Co. announced that on Jan. 7 it completed the acquisition of three Wickes Building Supply stores in Pascagoula, Pearl and Baton Rouge, as well as a millwork plant in Ocean Springs. The combined sales of the Wickes facilities represented $27 million in sales in the year 2001.

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Treutel Insurance was one of only 30 insurance agencies in its revenue size group selected from around the country for this honor.

This is the fourth consecutive year that this award has been received by Treutel. The agency was nominated by its insurance companies and the IIAA and was recognized based on several criteria including: outstanding customer service, agency management, technological efficiency, and financial stability. Treutel Insurance Agency was the only agency so recognized in South Mississippi for 2001.

The Best Practices Study was initiated by the IIAA's Commission to Enhance Agency Value in 1993 as the foundation for efforts to improve agency performance.

The annual survey and study of independent insurance agencies documents the business practices of these "best" agencies and urges other to adopt similar practices.

This Bay St. Louis-based independent insurance agency was established in 1925 and provides insurance products and services to individuals and businesses throughout Hancock, Harrison, and surrounding counties in South Mississippi and the Gulf Coast.

David Treutel, Jr., president, has been invited to participate in the national Best Practices Symposium in Atlanta, Ga. and accept this national award.

Treutel attributes this recognition to the special people and businesses of this area and the agency's hard-working customer service associates, staff and agents.

IIAA, founded in 1896, is the nation's oldest and largest association of independent insurance agents, representing a network of more than 280,000 agents and agency employees nationwide.

Its members are small businesses that offer customers a choice of policies from different companies offering a variety of insurance – property, casualty, life and health.

Contractor wins Merit Awards

Gulf Coast contractor Roy Anderson Corp was recently given two first place and two second place 2001 Merit Awards by the Associated Builders and Contractors of Mississippi.

The awards were granted for the company's work on four projects that ranged from a new arena to a 153-year-old university building. The contract amounts on the projects totaled more than $70 million.

Company president Roy Anderson III said the awards are clear indication of the consistent level of quality the company demands from itself.

"We're delighted by this honor," Anderson said. "We put so much hard work into all of our projects and it's extremely gratifying to have the work recognized by a collection of our peers."

One of the first place awards was for the construction of a seven-story medical tower at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport.

Work on the 168,000-square-foot building was done from March 1999 to December 2000, and the project was completed with no lost time for accidents or safety violations.

The other first place award went to Roy Anderson Corp's work on the Isle of Capri Theater in Tunica.

The theater was attached to an existing part of the casino and was designed to hold up to 1,700 people.

One of the two second place awards was given to the refurbishment of the Lyceum at the University of Mississippi. The three-story building was built in 1848 and is the oldest building on the Ole Miss campus.

Work on the project required Roy Anderson Corp to balance the latest building requirements with the historic richness of the building.

The other second place award went to a multi-purpose arena in Bossier City, La. As the home of the city's minor league hockey team, the arena also had to be constructed to host a variety of other events.

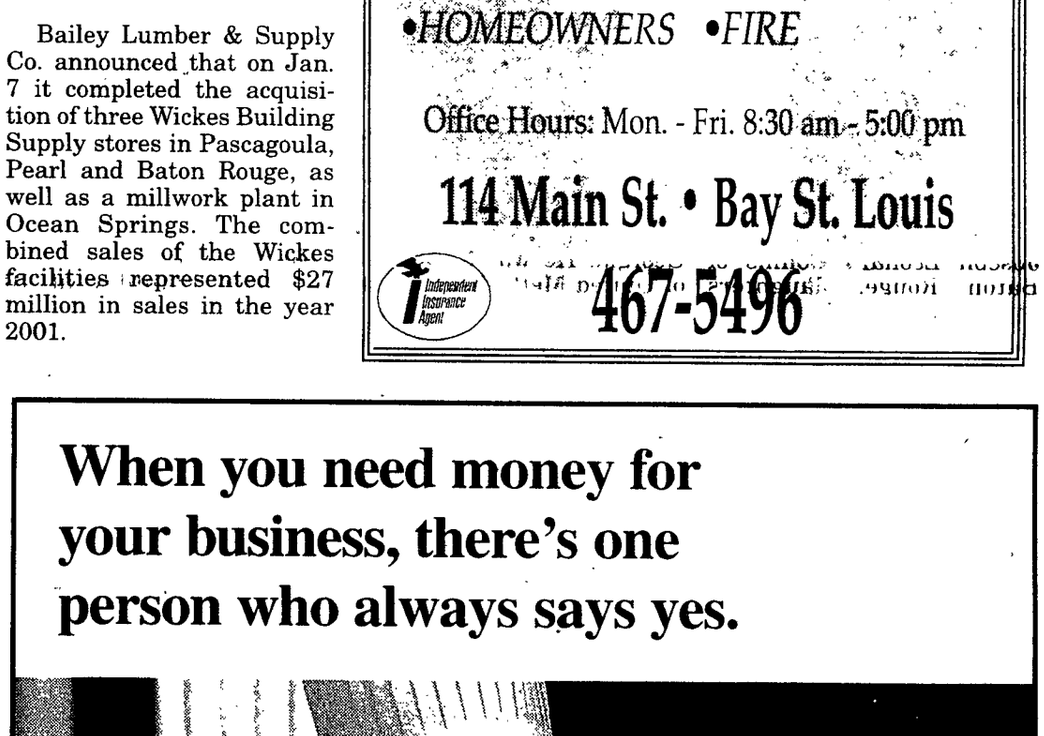
Peoples dividend

Peoples Financial Corporation has announced a semi-annual dividend of $.12 per share has been declared to its common shareholders.

The dividend, which has a record date of Jan. 9, 2001, will be paid Jan. 14, 2002.

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Entertainment

Casino Magic scheduled entertainment

Entertainment in the MagicEntertainment Complex:

Friday, Jan. 25, Pat Boone at 9 p.m. in the Entertainment Complex. Tickets: Starting at $14.95.

Tickets for the event may be purchased by calling the Casino Magic Box Office 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or through any Ticketmaster outlet.

Upcoming Lobby Entertainment Free in the Main Lobby:

Bobby Allison, Tues., Wed., Sat., noon - 4 p.m.

*Jan. 15 - 20, Mustang Sally

*Jan. 22 - 27, Van-Dells

*Jan. 29 - 31, Travis LeDoyt (Tribute to Elvis)

*Show times are 8 & 10:30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 6 & 8:30 p.m. Sundays unless otherwise noted.

PROMOTIONS:

Jaguar Giveaway

Guests can earn entry tickets with play to enter a drawing to win a 2002 Jaguar X-Type on February 14 at 9 p.m. Ticket distribution begins Jan. 2 and ends February 14 at 8 p.m.

The drawings take place at 9 p.m. Five names will be drawn. One person will win the Jaguar and other finalists win $100. See the Magic Money Players Club for more details.

Earn FREE Golf at Magic

Guests can obtain a "FREE GOLF" bonus card at the Magic Money Players Club or while playing table games. Then, they just play one hour at a $10 average bet (or equivalent), or they can earn 50 points on their Magic Money Players card, to earn a stamp on their golf card. Each completed card can be redeemed for a FREE round of golf at The Bridges Golf Course, designed by Arnold Palmer. See the Magic Money Players Club for details. Free Magic Money member membership is required.

Pat Boone croons to crowds in Bay St. Louis

With his trademark white buck shoes, perfectly combed hair and gleaming smile, Pat Boone will croon to crowds Friday, Jan. 25 at 9 p.m. at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Tickets are still available for $14.95, $19.95 and $24.95 through the Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Box Office or through any Ticketmaster outlet.

Boone was the very essence of wholesome American values, at a time when the rise of rock and roll was viewed as a sign of the apocalypse.

Pat Boone sold more records in the 50's than any other artist except one – Elvis Presley.

He sold more than 45 million records, and has charted 60 songs, with 38 songs in the Top 40 and 18 hitting the Top 10.



Pat Boone

Patrick Boone was born June 1, 1934 in Jacksonville, Fla. A descendant of American frontier hero Daniel Boone, he attended high school in Nashville and was voted student body president.

Between 1956 and 1963, Boone made some 54 chart appearances, many of them with two-sided hits; his biggest smashes included the number one records "Don't Forbid Me," "Love Letters in the Sand" and "April Love," all three issued in 1957.

That year, he also began hosting his own ABC television series, The Pat Boone-Chevy Showroom. Boone is also a very accomplished movie actor, starring in 15 films, including "State Fair" and "April Love."

In 1977, his daughter Debby Boone topped the charts with a smash of her own, the wedding perennial "You Light Up My Life."

Currently, Boone hosts two weekly radio programs, The Pat Boone Show (one of the most listened to and recognizable radio shows in the country) and Then and Now, from Music of Your Life Radio Network.

Each week, Pat Boone is heard world-wide on over 315 radio stations, and for almost 20 years, has proudly held the honor of spokesperson, chairman and host of the Easter Seal Society Telethon.

Boone's multimedia, multi-faceted live show includes an array of musical genres that range from pop to country, and is a journey across the United States as he sings excerpts from his American Glory video, our country's most cherished patriotic favorites.

Tickets are on sale now for the Jan. 25 show and may be purchased at the Casino Magic Box Office and at all Ticketmaster locations. Must be 21 to attend.

Gustatory events add flavor to Tennessee Williams/New Orleans literary festival

The 16th annual Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival, scheduled for March 20-24 has a full slate of its customary fare – master classes with award-winning authors and publishing notables, dozens of lively panel discussions, the staging of two major Williams plays as well as other theater offerings, music events, a poetry slam, several walking tours, a book fair and even a shouting contest.

But festival-goers can anticipate several events on this year's roster – some, new additions – that will literally tickle their palates.

On Sunday, March 24, the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival presents the fifth annual New Orleans Cooks and Books at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, 621 St. Louis Street.

Scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., this event spotlights culinary superstars including some of the city's most renowned chefs who are also authors of, or are featured in, published cookbooks.

Participating chefs will be on hand to sign their cookbooks and offer copious samples of recipes featured in their books.

Tickets to the tasting also include admission to a panel discussion about the cocktail – "I'll Drink to That" – with William Grimes, The New York Times food critic and author of *Straight Up and On the Rocks*, nationally-recognized wine consultant and educator Michael Green, and Kerri McCaffety, author/photographer of *Obituary Cocktail*, a magnificent ode to New Orleans's famed drinking establishments.

The discussion, which begins at 10 a.m., will be moderated by local wine buff Dorian Bennett, who will also conduct two tours of some of the French Quarter bars featured in McCaffety's book.

The tours are on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 at 4 p.m. and are limited to 15 people each.

Additionally, Michael Green will host "Tennessee Sips Upscale," a wine-tasting and discussion on Saturday, March 23, 5-7 p.m., in the courtyard at Brennan's Restaurant, 417 Bourbon Street.

Finally, in honor of the festival's namesake, who relished the art of eating and drinking, several local dining establishments will feature special menu items inspired by the playwright during the week of the festival.

Entitled "Dining Out with Tennessee," the restaurant dine-around has become another festival tradition. The food connection seems natural.

When noted author Edmund White participated in the 1999 festival, he spent his free time experiencing the dine-around and summarized it in a four-page article for *Food & Wine*.

He wrote, "Williams' mother wasn't much of a cook; she was too genteel to know her way around the kitchen. No wonder that when he was a young man living in the Quarter, having finally escaped from home, he wrote his mother back in St. Louis, 'The cooking is the best I've encountered,' and then added diplomatically, 'away from home.'"

Admission to New Orleans Cooks and Books is $25. The French Quarter bar excursions are $20. Michael Green's wine-tasting at Brennan's is $25.

For more information, call 504-581-1144.

Miss. Arts Commission offers art workshops

The Mississippi Arts Commission will offer three workshops for interested Mississippi-based artists wanting to know more about opportunities available in the arts.

Each workshop will cover the same topics and are free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

The workshops will be held at the Eudora Welty Library, 301 North State Street in Jackson and are scheduled for the following dates:

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 12-2 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 6-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 12-2 p.m. Topics to be covered include applying to the Mississippi Arts Commission's Artist Roster and Arts in Education Demonstrator Roster in addition to in information regarding the Commission's Heritage, Literary, Visual and Performing Arts Fellowship programs.

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